

OUR PROPOSALS FOR THETFORD FARM ESTATE



CEMEX is pleased to be working with the owners of Thetford Farm Estate to help diversify their business operations. Our plans will help to preserve the estate for future generations by assuring the sustainability of the business.

Thetford Farm Estate has already begun to diversify their business, beginning with the development of new office units and recently starting construction on a multi-million-pound wedding and conference venue. CEMEX is proposing to quarry a portion of land within the estate for sand and gravel, which will then be restored for agricultural and leisure use to complement the aspirations of the Estate. The heart of the quarry lies over 1km from the settlement boundary of Baston Village, with access taken via a new access onto the A15. No trucks will travel through Baston along Main Street.

This newsletter contains information about our proposals, and you are also invited to a public exhibition to hear more details and speak directly to the project team.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Wednesday 22nd March
3PM - 8PM
Baston Village Hall



THE NEED FOR MINERALS

The Baston area is rich in sand and gravel deposits, which are important materials for the construction of schools, homes, roads and other building projects. Sand and gravel can only be extracted where they are found naturally in the ground and it is important to extract minerals close to where they are needed so they do not have to travel long distances on the roads.

Lincolnshire Minerals Planning Authority has identified that around 20 million tonnes of sand and gravel needs to be extracted in the County before 2040, in addition to current permitted reserves.

The proposed quarry would help to meet the sand and gravel required and would result in benefits to the local community upon restoration of the site.



KEY BENEFITS OF OUR PROPOSALS



Provide important mineral resources to support Lincolnshire's construction industry.



Comprehensive restoration of the land into a rich, biodiverse natural habitat, accessible to the local community.



Diversification of Thetford Farm Estate's business to help its long term sustainability.



Preservation of skilled local jobs with staff transferring from the West Deeping Quarry once it has closed.

OUR RESTORATION SCHEME

If granted permission, the quarry will be progressively restored, following behind quarrying operations.

Once completed, the site will be returned to a mixture of agricultural land, conservation and habitat management and new publicly accessible areas for recreation.

THE RESTORATION SCHEME AT A GLANCE

- A new lake featuring a promontory and island
- New areas for nature conservation and enhanced natural habitats
- Improved public rights of way and connections into existing footpaths to create a fully accessible circular walking route



Example restoration scheme at former CEMEX quarry

A MESSAGE FROM THETFORD FARM ESTATE

Baston is our home and we want to ensure that the community is able to benefit from our plans to diversify the business. Our ownership of The White Horse, the recent new office units and the exciting renovation of the barns into a wedding and conference facility are part of our commitment to build a sustainable, long-term business that is an asset to the village.

We have chosen to partner with CEMEX so that together we can create a beautifully restored wildlife habitat for everyone to enjoy. Our vision includes a lake teaming with wildlife, a new circular footpath that is accessible to all and a more biodiverse landscape than exists at the moment, creating something that the whole of Baston and the surrounding communities can one day enjoy.

We believe that the restored quarry will be an enormous asset to the community and encourage you to get involved in the consultation process.



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FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE YOUR SAY

CEMEX is committed to engaging with the local community. Should you be unable to attend the public exhibition, or have any questions about the proposals prior to attendance, you can speak to a member of our project team during office hours **Monday-Friday**.

If you would like to discuss the proposals you can phone or email the project team at:



You can leave a message via **0800 298 7040** and a member of our Community Engagement team will call you back to discuss the proposals.



You can email our Community Engagement team via **CEMEXUK@becg.com** with comments or questions.



You will be able to view our proposals online at **thetfordquarry.consultationonline.co.uk** from **Thursday 23rd March to Friday 31st March**