

Denham Quarry North-West Extension

Summerleaze Limited are preparing to submit a planning application to Buckinghamshire Council for an extension to Denham Quarry.

Summerleaze

Founded in 1928, Summerleaze is a privately-owned company, with its origins in the field of mineral extraction. The company has diversified into fields such as waste management and renewable energy.

Denham Quarry - Background / History

Denham Quarry is an active sand and gravel quarry located south-west of New Denham and due south of Junction 1 of the M40 motorway. The first tonnes of sand and gravel were sold from the site in January 2009 and in the 16 years of operation, the quarry has sold circa 4 million tonnes to local markets, mostly within 10 miles of the site.

Existing Situation and Future Needs

Denham Quarry has been largely restored in the south, with the completion of the nature conservation lake in the west and the rowing lake in the east. Approximately 30,000 trees and shrubs have been planted since the site began. The larger lake proposed for sailing in the centre of the site is partially restored.

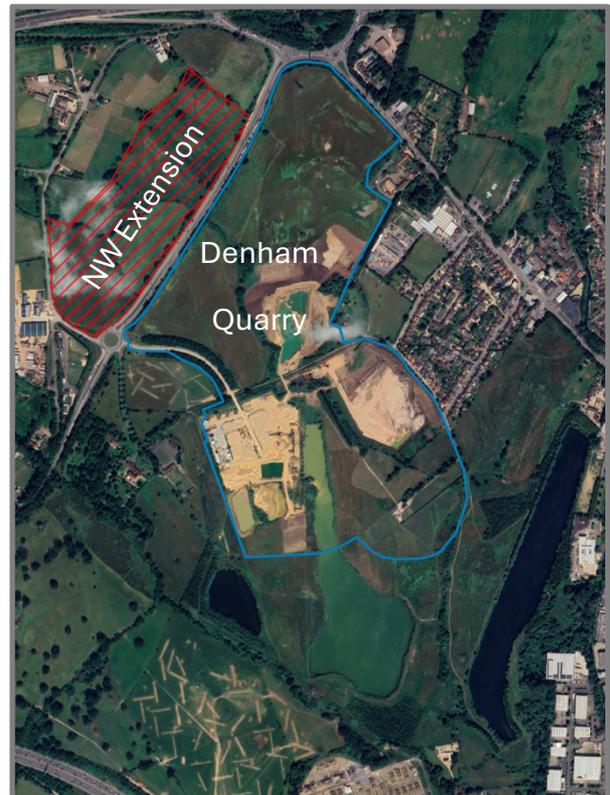
Mineral extraction within the main quarry is coming to an end, with mineral reserves expected to be depleted by the end of 2026. Therefore, Summerleaze need to identify new areas of extraction to continue to maintain the supply of sand and gravel to the local construction market.

The site currently supports 8 Summerleaze employees and 8 London Concrete employees.

Proposed North-West Extension

The proposed extension area lies to the north-west of the existing quarry, between Denham Road and Willets Lane. The site is currently agricultural land and forms part of Buckinghamshire Council's smallholding estate. Summerleaze Ltd have an option to lease the site for mineral extraction and restoration, as per the existing quarry.

The sand and gravels dug from this area will enable a continuation of supply to the local construction market following completion of extraction within the northern and eastern areas of the main quarry.



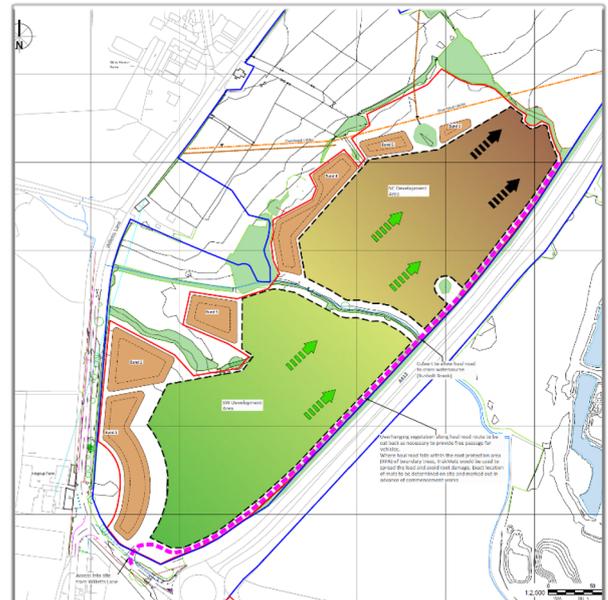
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The proposal includes the extraction of approximately 470,000 tonnes of sand and gravel from the south and east parts of the site, transportation for processing within the existing quarry and restoration of the site using site-derived soils and imported restoration materials.

At current rates, it is anticipated that the mineral will be extracted in 2-3 years, with restoration taking a further 2 years.

A new access will be created onto Southlands Road, close to the A412 roundabout. All traffic will turn left out of the site, to the existing quarry.

Soils removed from the site will be stored temporarily in mounds along the western edge of the extraction areas, this will help reduce noise, dust and visual effects of the operation and will be replaced during restoration.



Benefits

The proposal will enable continued supply of much needed mineral resource to the local construction market and will maintain existing jobs, which support the local economy. The site will be restored back to agriculture with new and improved natural habitats being created, including new tree planting, hedgerows, scrub and species-rich grassland, creating a more biodiverse environment for local wildlife.

Planning Application

A planning application is currently being prepared to be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council. Once submitted the application and supporting documents can be viewed and comments made to the Council via their planning website:

<https://publicaccess.buckscc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Feedback

If you have any questions or comments about this proposal or the planning application, please contact either Mike Lowe or Gemma Crossley on the details below.

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