

## Re Proposed Quarry in Stanstead Abbots

From [Cllr-Eric Buckmaster](#) on 2026-06-26 09:47

- [260623 Tarmac Briggens Scoping Notification Cllr Dumont.pdf\(~1016 KB\)](#)

Dear Miles and all

As mentioned Miles, I hadn't received this document, it was forwarded to me by one of the Stanstead Abbott's District Councillors, and I in turn emailed the Head of Service for Development Control at County.

Briggens was brought up in a planning training session yesterday and I also had a discussion afterwards with the officers. They are aware of your concerns raised below and they tell me that they will advise Tarmac as to what they would expect to see in a potential future planning application. The outcome of Elenbrook is uncertain as it currently sits back with the Secretary of State to decide. The view of officers is that even if approved there will still be a requirement to provide the 7 year ongoing supply.

How things will be dealt with post LGR is not yet known. It is possible that minerals and waste planning could be one of several that remains as a shared service. I also raised the question of the ongoing transport works for the next few years in relation to Eastwick Lodge junction, River Crossing and Church Lane. How Tarmac would propose dealing with getting on to the A414 is still not known.

So we can speculate that given all of the above that is going on, including LGR, and the likely period of years before any extraction may be even possible, that this may be a step towards an application perhaps later this year or during the remaining life of the County Council. As we know from housing developments these days, where no current plans exist, the NPPF permits developments to be approved 'on balance'. We also await the outcome of the current draft of the NPPF which continues to move towards an assumption of approval.

I would have no problem contacting Tarmac directly or asking them to arrange a meeting with affected parishes to explain their position further if you all agree with that?

Regards

Eric