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PLANNING APPLICATION VALIDATED FOR PROPOSED SAND & GRAVEL QUARRY ON LAND AT MILL HILL AND BARTON IN FABIS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

London Rock Supplies Ltd and Greenfield Associates, the two companies involved with the plans to develop a new sand and gravel quarry on land at Mill Hill and Barton in Fabis, have reached a crucial milestone in the proposed development.

The planning application – together with the Environmental Statement that takes into account all the likely significant effects and mitigation identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment – has been validated by the Nottinghamshire County Council planning department. The reference number is [ES/3712](#) and the link to the planning portal is <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=ES/3712>.

The application was submitted to the planning authority in April 2017, after two public consultation exhibitions in March of this year. Separate exhibitions were held in Barton in Fabis and Clifton – as the proposed development would use land in both Nottinghamshire and the City of Nottingham.

Around 150 people attended the exhibitions, many of them staying for over an hour – and clearly appreciating the opportunity for one on one conversations with the landowners, the lead consultancy and specialist technical consultants.

James Jeffries, Managing Director of London Rock and Simon Rees of Greenfield Associates felt the exhibition was a very worthwhile part of the public consultation process. They also confirmed that feedback from the consultation would be incorporated in to the application documents.

“While we recognise that some people don’t really like the idea of a quarry in their neighbourhood, it was extremely helpful to be able to talk to local people

face to face – and deal directly with some of the misconceptions about the proposed new sand and gravel quarry.

“In particular, it was very useful for us to understand local views about public access after the quarry is restored. I am delighted to confirm that all paths would be permissive pathways controlled by the landowner – not public rights of way. Existing public rights of way would need to be diverted temporarily during operations – but would be restored to their original positions once the quarry is restored.

“The restoration scheme includes several key UK and Nottinghamshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) priority habitats, including floodplain grazing marsh, reedbeds, lowland wet grassland, marshes, wet woodland, standing water and hedgerows.

“These restoration habitats would complement and enhance the nearby nature conservation sites such as Attenborough Nature Reserve SSSI and Holme Pit SSSI. There may also be opportunities to enhance and/or enlarge Local Wildlife sites within the application area - such as Brandshill Grassland and Brandshill Marsh. Increasing connectivity with these sites would reduce the fragmentation of local habitats.”

Simon adds,

“The application is extremely comprehensive and includes 11 specialist technical reports. The accompanying Non Technical Summary is available on the website http://londonrock.co.uk/mill_hill_index.html. A direct link to the planning portal can be found on the same site”.

Nottinghamshire County Council will now carry out its own consultation – and the local community will have further opportunity to comment.

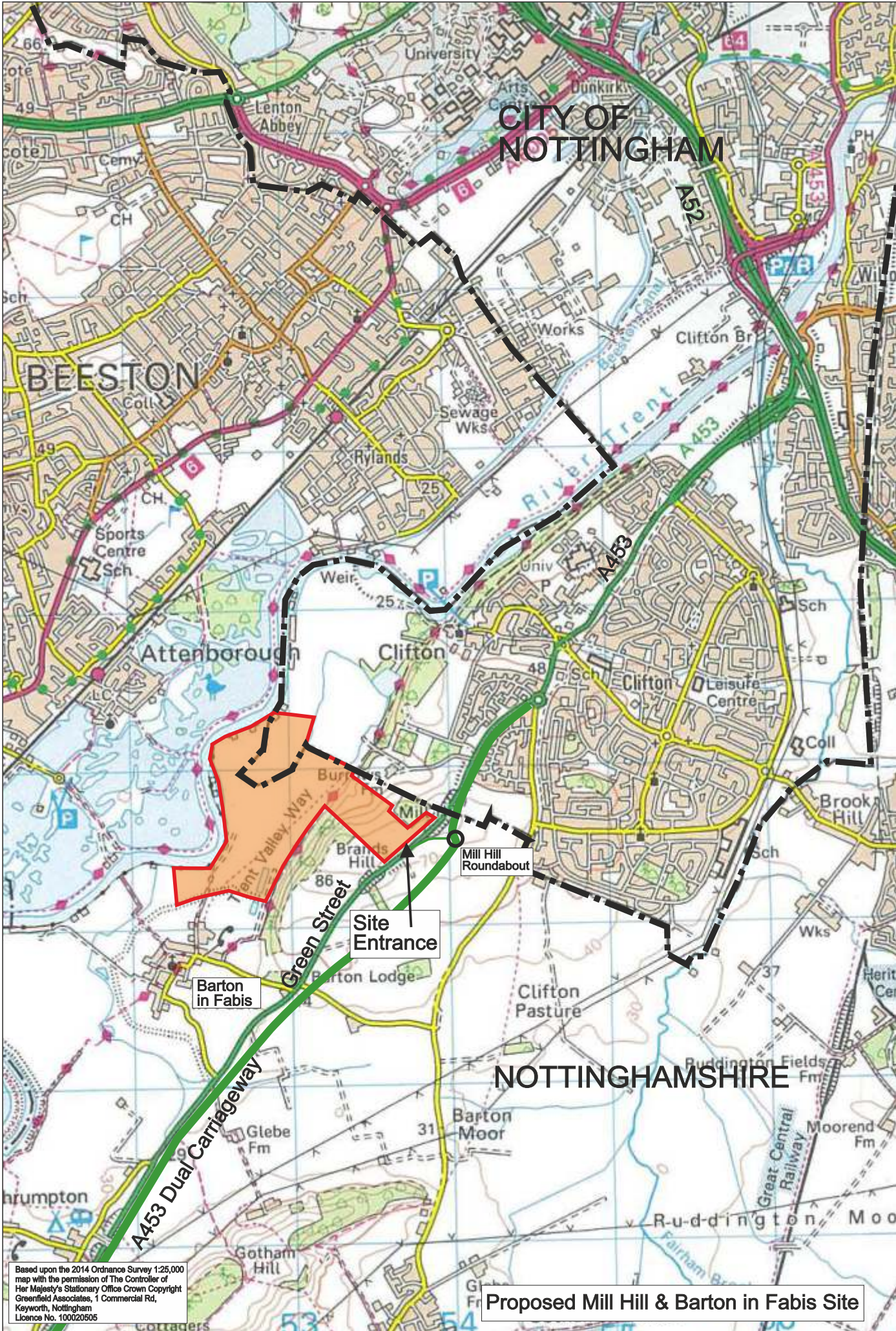
London Rock has put forward its application to meet the clear need for a new sand and gravel development to meet the extraordinarily high level of approved construction and housing projects both in the southern part of the county and the City of Nottingham. These generate a strong demand for building materials both now and moving forward. The current landbank of permitted sand and gravel reserves is **already** below the **minimum** of the seven years necessary to comply with the Government’s National Planning Policy Framework.

Attachment

OS plan showing location and site entrance for proposed new sand and gravel quarry.

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Site Entrance

Mill Hill Roundabout

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Proposed Mill Hill & Barton in Fabis Site