



Hamble Airfield (From HPC Facebook Page)

HAMBLE AIRFIELD – CEMEX SPECIAL EDITION

Cemex has now responded to Hampshire County Council's (HCC) request for more information regarding their planning application to extract gravel from Hamble Airfield. **The new consultation period for Cemex's response started on Friday 9 December 2022. We now have until 16 January 2023 to respond.**

You can read Cemex's response documents here:
<https://bit.ly/3Y0vyrG>



What does this mean?

Cemex applied for the right to extract gravel and aggregate from the Hamble Airfield site at the end of last year. In response to this, Hamble Parish Council - along with many others - raised robust and significant objections, based on issues which we believe could lead to the application being refused by HCC. Having considered these objections, HCC asked Cemex to provide more information on transport, air pollution, flooding risk, and environmental concerns. Cemex has now submitted this information.

What happens next?

First, we need to review the new information provided by Cemex.

The Parish Council is working with consultants to do this effectively and expertly. Cemex's response is extremely detailed and technical, so this process may take some time.

We have organised two Public Meetings for Hamble residents only on:

- **11 January 2023: 1pm - 2.30pm**
- **12 January 2023: 7pm - 8.30pm**

at Hamble Aerostructures

The purpose of these meetings is to update you and make sure we understand people's issues and concerns. This feedback will be taken into account when we produce the official Hamble Parish Council response, although it will be very important that you also register your own objections separately.

Where can you find out more?

As well as the public meetings, we will be sharing weekly updates so please keep an eye on social media, noticeboards and the website.

What can you do?

We provide further details on how to respond to Cemex's proposals inside, but would recommend that you wait until either you have attended one of the public meetings or you have received more guidance from us in the New Year.

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

A QUICK RECAP

WHAT IS CEMEX PROPOSING?

- Cemex plans to extract up to 1.69million tonnes of sharp sand and gravel from Hamble Airfield
- Up to 144 lorry movements per day on Hamble Lane
- A new quarry entrance will be located between both schools on the east side of Hamble Lane opposite the Police headquarters
- 'Quarry activity' will be as close as 40 metres from certain homes
- All HGVs accessing the site will travel along Hamble Lane and over Hamble 'Halt' railway bridge.
- This entire process is likely to take up to 14 years to complete
- Once the quarry closes, Cemex intends to restore the site to grazing and parkland, with a small area for public access

HOW MIGHT THESE PROPOSALS AFFECT YOU?

We have set out below potential considerations for residents and local businesses. Your answers to these questions could form the basis of your consultation response to HCC.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON RESIDENTS

- **Traffic implications and road**
 - Do you think the proposals will influence traffic on Hamble Lane? If so, how? Will extra HGV vehicles put you off walking or cycling on Hamble Lane?
 - Would you be concerned for your children walking or cycling to school?
 - If buses are regularly delayed (including college buses) how will this impact your family?
- **For your home**
 - How will the operations of the quarry impact the way you enjoy your property and garden?
 - Should the *buffer zone be bigger? (*i.e. the gap between your property and the quarrying activity)
 - How will working on Saturday mornings affect you?
 - Do you have concerns about air quality and health issues?

- **For water management (hydrology)**
 - Are you concerned that quarrying on the Airfield will increase the risk of flooding, water run-off or subsidence? Why are you concerned about this?
 - What water management controls would you like to see put in place?
- **For recreation**
 - Are you a regular user of Hamble Airfield for recreation (e.g. walking your dog)? Where would you go instead and what could be the impact of this on other sites?
 - Do you want more public access than being proposed after quarrying has finished and who should manage the site afterwards?
- **For the environment and biodiversity**
 - Do you believe there is enough protection for existing ecology on the site and surrounding area? Are the proposals for securing biodiversity after extraction adequate?

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

- **For your customers**
 - Do you rely on public footfall or tourism to Hamble?
 - Could you see a reduction in customers, who may avoid the traffic and visit other waterfront villages and marinas in Hampshire?
- **For your business continuity and risk management**
 - What is the potential impact to your business and employees if delivery services were delayed?
 - Is there a cost associated with these delays?

- **For your employees**
 - Could you struggle to recruit or retain employees if their commute time is increased?
 - How could the health and safety of your employees who cycle/walk to work be affected?
- **For your operations and financial performance**
 - How would your business be affected by a significant delay on Hamble Lane or an incident near the Hamble 'Halt' railway bridge? Describe the impact to your supply chain and movement of goods.
 - What is the value of the financial loss caused by a significant delay?

HOW CAN YOU OBJECT?

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We would recommend that you wait until either you have attended a public meeting or you have received further guidance from Hamble Parish Council before responding to the consultation.

The public consultation deadline is Monday 16 January 2023

Send your comments to:

Online: <https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2021/0787>

Email: planning@hants.gov.uk

Write to: Hampshire County Council – Strategic Planning, Economy, Transport & Environment Department, Elizabeth II Court West, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD.

Quote Ref: HCC/2021/0787



Please feel free to use the tear out slip below if helpful

OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION

REF: HCC/2021/0787

Name:

Address inc. Postcode:

Email Address:

Reasons I Object

Transport/Traffic Congestion

Road Safety

Air Quality

Hydrology, Flooding, Water Run Off

Environmental Concerns & Biodiversity

Negative Impact on Local Businesses

Other (please state below)

Tear out this slip and return to Hampshire County Council at the address above, or scan and email this slip to planning@hants.gov.uk

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL

We have appointed Planning and Transport consultants to help us make the most effective response to the consultation. We will be reviewing the evidence provided by Cemex as well as the statutory responses.

We are holding two public meetings in January to give you a briefing on our work and give you a chance to have your say.

We are continuing discussions with partner parish councils and Eastleigh Borough Council so we can mount the best possible opposition. We are also lobbying stakeholders and other consultees.

We are supporting the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HRPG), both in terms of sharing information and expertise, and through the provision of resources including meeting rooms and printing.

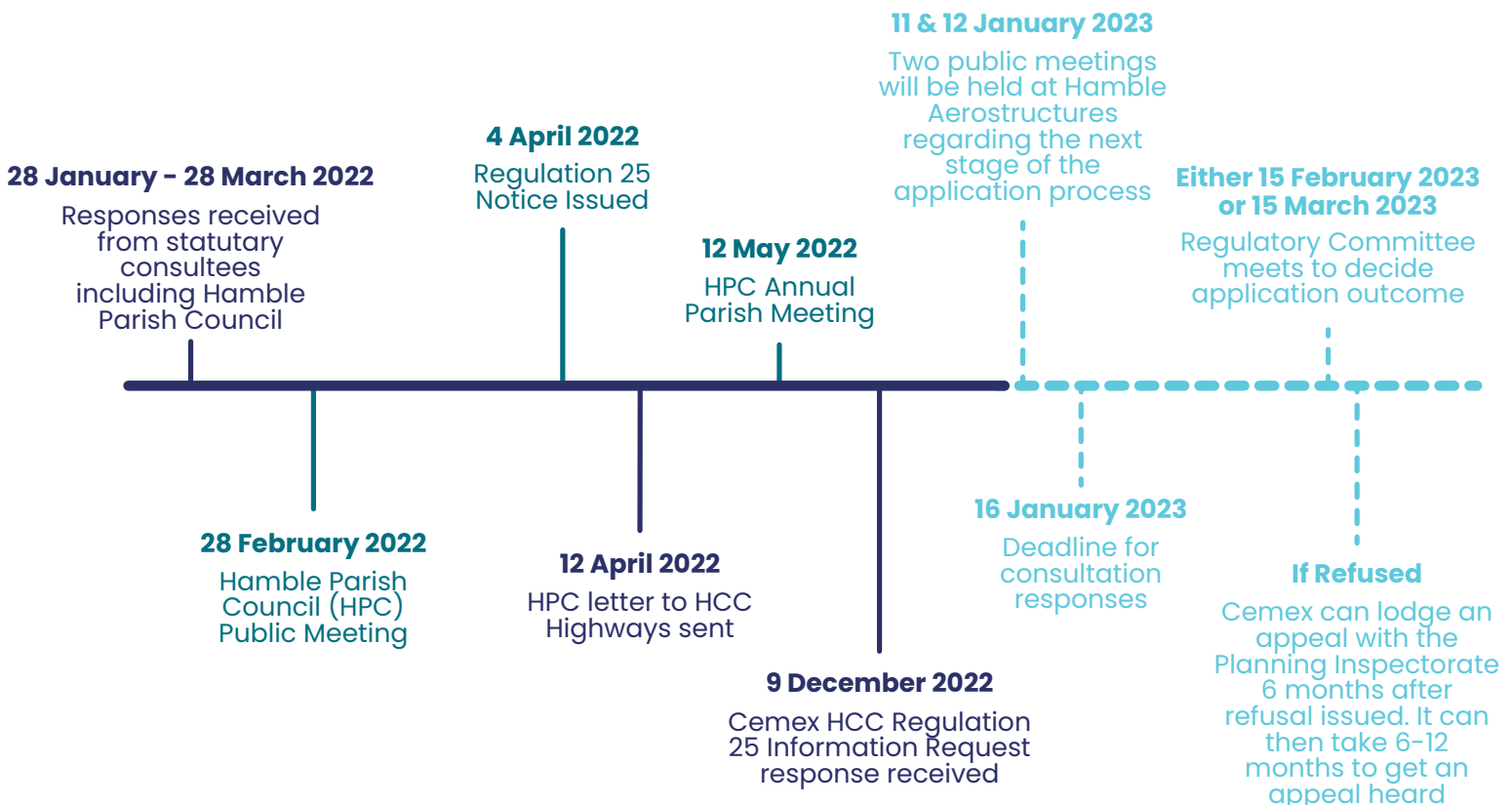
We want to reach everyone in Hamble with information about the planning application, and will be communicating with you via hard-copy means (like this newsletter), social media, posters on noticeboards, leaflets and our website. We'll also send out email updates to the local business community.

Once the consultation response deadline of 16 January has passed, we will be giving you guidance on how to respond to the related (but not directly relevant) proposals to review the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan.

What We Cannot Do

HPC will need to remain in discussions with HCC right up to the point when the decision is made. As our focus will be on this we will support others to pick up the campaigning role as we get nearer the date. We will do this by working with groups such as the HPRG.

HAMBLE AIRFIELD PLANNING APPLICATION RESPONSE TIMELINE – ACTIVITY SO FAR



PUBLIC MEETING DETAILS AND HPRG UPDATE

UPDATE FROM HAMBLE PENINSULAR RESIDENTS GROUP (HPRG)

In June 2022, HPRG was set up, after the HPC meeting on "Hamble 2050 – the next steps". We realised there was a need for more than just the Hamble Against Development Facebook group to shake up ideas if we actually want to stop this.

Starting with 20 keen enthusiasts, which quickly whittled down to 7, orbiting this core of 7 are around 12 who help out. All are fulltime employed but recognise the urgency of the situation. We discussed our purpose and decided the best value was to understand and contribute to the gaps in the current defence.

We have researched all villages that have successfully defeated gravel applications, such as Bengeo Herts and Shedfield, to understand their success and found a strong resident group working alongside the generally stretched Parish Council was key – It is apparent we will lose the fight without a good community engagement, but we will not win just from waving a banner. The majority realise these cases are **won on technical grounds**, with the backing of the top specialists to

endorse the research – this takes time to build the case and find the consultant and money to finance them.

We have activated the community when needed, with emails, fliers banners and posters, plus on social media. We have focused on research and the management of "Hamble Against Development" Facebook page, where we keep the community updated.

Our research has focused on:

1. Traffic; Water management; Air pollution & health
2. Case studies of other successfully defeated quarries and spoken to their experts
3. Researching the previous submissions by the current consultees
4. Recognising the landowner needs to earn from this land eventually so looking into alternate uses. Bearing in mind they could make in the region of £100bn in housing. We have "commissioned" a PhD project with 2 university groups to help with research

Our overall goal has been to contribute to existing consultees and check on due diligence. We are short in numbers on those who are prepared or able to give time so please come forwards if you are keen to contribute.

Look us up on "Hamble Against Development"

Facebook page

Or email:

hamblepeninsularresidents@gmail.com



PUBLIC MEETINGS

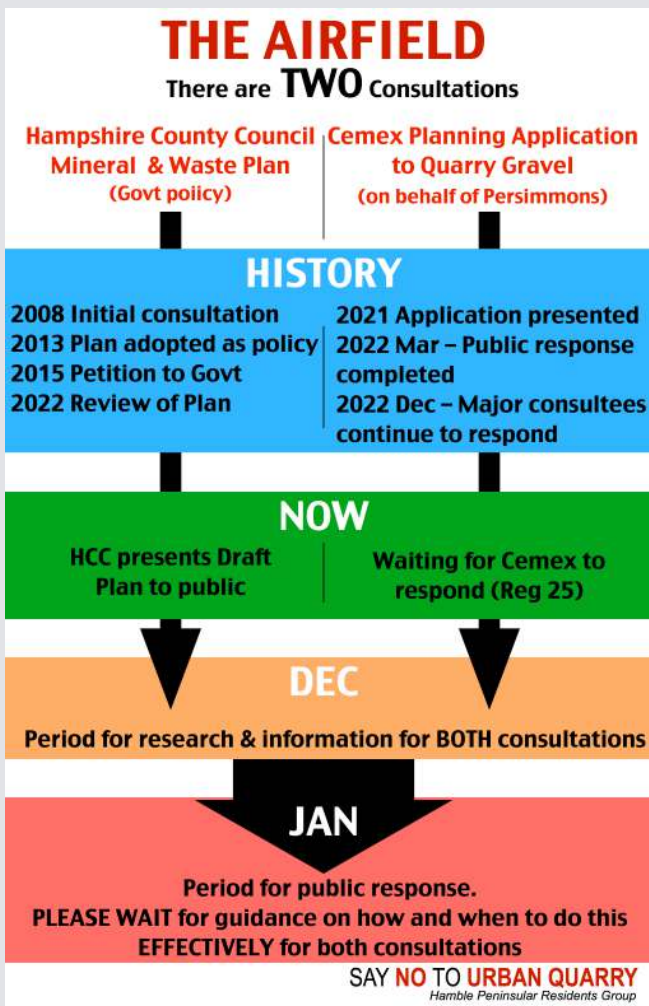
The public meetings will be held on:

- **11 January: 1pm - 2.30pm**
- **12 January: 7pm - 8.30pm**

at Hamble Aerostructures. The capacity at this venue is 250 people and we will be giving priority access to Hamble residents. We also hope to livestream the evening meeting and will release further details in due course.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Register online at: bit.ly/3BCNXkG
2. Pop into the Parish Offices to register in person.
3. Email clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk with the names and addresses of those who wish to attend plus details of your preferred meeting date/time.



DETAILED UPDATE FROM THE HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTANT

Background: Hamble Airfield was allocated by Hampshire County Council as a site for sand and gravel extraction in the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan 2013 ('HMWP'). In January 2022, a planning application was submitted by Cemex UK Ltd to extract approximately 1.7 million tonnes of material and to restore the site with inert construction waste.

The application will be decided by the County Council in this instance.

Hamble Parish Council, along with other organisations known as statutory consultees, responded to the application with a substantial critique of the supporting evidence, particularly in relation to the Transport Assessment ('TA') which considers highway safety and

traffic impact. In April 2022 Cemex were asked to provide additional information, which has been published on the HPC website.

It will be subject to a round of formal consultation which will close on 16 January. Statutory consultees (including the Parish Council) will review the latest material to consider whether it deals with residents' concerns. In the case of the highway authority, they will (finally) have to provide a detailed response which sets out whether they object to or support the application, with their reasoning explained.

TELL US HOW A QUARRY IN HAMBLE WILL AFFECT YOU

As part of Hamble Parish Council's response to Cemex's planning application, we would like to gather your views on how you expect the quarry to affect you, should it be approved.

How To Tell Us

1. Online at www.cemex.hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk/impact
2. By Email: clerk@hambleparishcouncil.gov.uk
3. Complete the slip below and return it to the Parish Office



HOW THE QUARRY WILL AFFECT ME

Name:

Email Address:

Address:

A quarry on the Hamble Airfield site will affect me as follows:

DETAILED UPDATE FROM THE HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING CONSULTANT

After the consultation: There will be no further Regulation 25 requests after the consultation closes on 16 January 2023. The application will go to Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee for a decision – likely in March 2023. The planning authority will consider any new information about the application right up until the day of the meeting.

The Regulation 25 request identified a number of issues, including environmental impacts (some fairly technical), flood risk management and the adequacy of restoration plans on which more information was required. These were all issues that the Parish Council had raised in its consultation response on behalf of the Village.

In simple terms, the Parish Council's argument against the application on highway grounds is that Hamble Lane is already severely congested, and the additional traffic generated by the quarrying activity would make a situation which is already unacceptable even worse. Even if the level of traffic generated by the application might be acceptable on different roads in different circumstances, it is not acceptable here because there is already a recognised problem with congestion. This is based on an interpretation of how the relevant national policy should be considered and applied; it is not just an argument revolving around traffic counts and data.

The fact that the vehicle movements would be mainly HGVs and would be focussed on particular times of day makes the situation worse. There are concerns for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists who need to use Hamble Lane to gain access to the school and other services.

The Parish Council has invited Cemex to attend public meetings in the village to discuss the concerns raised by residents, but they have so far declined to do so.

Between Now and the Regulatory Committee HPC will need to focus on the most significant local issues in the time available, bearing in mind that other consultees have their own statutory responsibilities, and it is not essential for us to cover ground where they have obvious expertise. It may be possible to share some of this work with the Borough Council or local groups. However, we have appointed a specialist highway expert to review the additional TA related data. There

may also be more detailed work that could be usefully carried out on flood risk and noise management.

Once the responses are in they will be considered and a judgement made to prepare a report to the Regulatory Committee with a recommendation for approval or objection. The report will cover all of the relevant policies and issues and will make a recommendation as to what decision should be reached. The 'planning judgement' as it is called must consider everything relevant to the decision in the round and decide how much weight should be attached to them. Although a major planning application is sometimes refused for a single decisive reason, or may have no significant objections at all, it is more common for them to require a complex balancing of harm and benefit.

The Regulatory Committee Decision

The Committee Decision The Regulatory Committee can do a number of things with the application on the decision day:

- **Defer the decision.** If the committee feels that some important information is missing from the officer report, or it is unable to reach a decision for some other reason.
- **Approve the application with conditions.** This will give the go ahead for the development subject to the conditions considered necessary to make it acceptable.
- **Approve the application with conditions including one or more 'Grampian' conditions.** A Grampian condition is a special type of condition which says that development can only start after something essential to make the development acceptable has been done on land which does not form part of the planning application.
- **Refuse the application.** If the officers recommend refusing the application, the reasons they suggest for doing so will be set out in the report.

What happens after the decision?

If refused, Cemex have a right of appeal to the Planning Inspector. The community does not.

Steve Tilbury Consulting Ltd, December 2022

HAMBLE AIRFIELD PLANNING APPLICATION: PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023
1PM - 2.30PM**

**THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2023
7PM - 8.30PM**

AT HAMBLE AEROSTRUCTURES

**REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE:
bit.ly/3BCNXkG**



If you are concerned about the Hamble Airfield Application or would like to know more please ensure that you attend one of these public meetings.

