

HAMBLE RAGE

August 08 Update

RESIDENTS AGAINST GRAVEL EXTRACTION ON HAMBLE PENINSULA

Who is RAGE? We are a group of concerned Residents & Businesses (non political, non radical, just normal people) concerned with Hampshire County Council's plan to turn Hamble Airfield into a huge gravel pit with an uncertain future, detrimentally and irrevocably changing the face of the Hamble Peninsula forever.

If this goes ahead it will result in 10 years (6 days p.w.) of

- **Grid lock! An extra 120 truck movements a day on Hamble Lane! (which is already way over capacity)**
- **Noise/dust/environmental pollution affecting**
 - **The wellbeing of the community and our children**
 - **Hamble river and the 1000's of users**
 - **Residents and organisations bordering the site – schools, houses, major health centre, recreation areas**
- **Disruption to businesses for both employers and employees**
- **Irreparable damage to our leisure industry and tourism**
- **Loss of an important local amenity and green space**
- **Paving the way for a major housing development to follow**

So where are we at?

July was a key period in the decision making surrounding the proposed sites in South Hampshire. Nine sites were rejected including Pickwell Farm (on traffic and access issues), a decision that we wholeheartedly welcomed.

However, HAMBLE AIRFIELD is UNBELIEVABLY STILL IN despite the OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE suggesting otherwise!

In response to our arguments HCC tried to soften the blow by claiming they would secure part of the site to be returned to the village as a local amenity. But please don't be fooled. This will never alter the fact that **ANY SITE EARMARKED ON THE PENINSULA IS NOT SUITABLE FOR MINERAL EXTRACTION NOW OR AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE** considering the severely limited road infrastructure and close proximity to important Hampshire communities, tourism and Businesses!

Where to from here?

In the Autumn we will have another chance to object when a Government appointed independent inspector will review the site selection process. During this period there will be a six week consultation period when we must convince them that this just **doesn't work here**.

We can win this fight with your support

So what can I do?

(FIVE things that are equally important)

1. DON'T GIVE UP HOPE

This is far from a done deal despite what some are saying. **TOGETHER** we can and will stop this as other action groups have proven elsewhere.

2. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ON YOUR CAR!

Attached is a car sticker – show your support by displaying it and spread the word!

3. DONATE

We need to raise funds to continue with vital research and studies. Every penny will go towards fighting this. Also If you have time and energy to give then let us know!

4. ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC MEETING

(LOCATION AND DATE TO BE CONFIRMED)

This will be organised by us to update you and inform you as to how to respond to the public consultation and update you and the media on the current situation.

5. WRITE YOUR LETTER TO OPPOSE THE PLAN

We'll help you with content and where to send it nearer the time. And ask all those you know that visit and love the Hamble Peninsula to do the same. It is important that this is sent during the Autumn consultation period and not before/after.

A STRONG RESPONSE FROM US AS INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES, VILLAGES AND AS A UNITED PENINSULA WILL BE VITAL IF WE ARE TO STOP THIS IN ITS TRACKS.

And finally thanks to all the many Individuals, Businesses and Organisations who have fully supported RAGE so far. There's still a way to go but....

TOGETHER WE WILL SUCCEED!

If you have ideas, time to help, or want to donate please:

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