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Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:18 AM on 21 Nov 2018 from Dr Patricia Clissold.

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| **Application Summary** | |
| **Address:** | Elm Farm Quarry Bicester Road Stratton Audley |
| **Proposal:** | To continue the development permitted by planning permission no. 97/01501/CM (for infilling of existing limestone quarry with naturally occurring subsoils and other inert wastes to form a country park, importation of waste aggregates for recycling and resale) without complying with condition 20, to allow the extension of time for the completion of restoration of the site to 30th June 2020 (OCC Ref MW.0120/18) |
| **Case Officer:** | James Kirkham |
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| **Comments Details** | |
| **Commenter Type:** | General Public |
| **Stance:** | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| **Reasons for comment:** |  |
| **Comments:** | There are several new developments since the original application, 97/01501/CM, was passed in 1997. In September 2017 Oxfordshire County Council passed new definitions on waste management which can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-policy/core-strategy> Also local councils must follow guidelines set out in <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/natural-environment> as follows The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that pursuing sustainable development includes moving from a net loss of biodiversity to achieving net gains for nature, and that a core principle for planning is that it should contribute to conserving and enhancing the natural environment and reducing pollution. Has the applicant considered submitting a new ecological survey? Endangered birds species have been noted by county ecologists. The site is part of an ecological network from Bicester to Stratton Audley and Launton. How will the dumping of aggregates affect wildlife? There will be noise. The dust generated will be polluting due to changes in alkalinity of the indigenous soils and of the water in the man-made lakes. See <https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/PDFsForWeb/Consent/1000420.pdf> for activities which could damage this quarry. Stratton Audley Quarry still is an accredited local wildlife site, LWS 62C01. It adjoins a proposed LWS to include the Airfield 52X01 which designation is still under consideration. Government policy (first link above) says: " Local designated sites (which include 'Local Wildlife Sites' and 'Local Geological Sites') make an important contribution to ecological networks". This site has already lost its geological SSSI status due to the infilling of one of its quarries by the applicant. How much more damage will this company do if allowed to go on filling the site with aggregates past 2020? They should be stopped NOW until new surveys and the original plans for a Nature Park are re-instated as asked for by the OCC ecologist in 2018 at <http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/documents/s41091/PN_FEB1918R09%20%20Stratton%20Audley%20Enf%20Annex%201.pdf> The application as it stands is out of date (it is 20 years old) and should be re-considered in the light of new regulations. |