

## **Wakerley Quarry Update**

Mick George Ltd, the operator for the Wakerley Quarry development have advised that they remain hopeful of commencing works shortly in respect of improvements to the A43 junction, the Duddington Road access point and the Fineshade Road crossing once the formal agreement with the Northamptonshire County Council Highways has been issued.

In expectation of that document, they are undertaking various preparatory works, including the cutting back and/or removal of short sections of hedgerow and plantations. You may have noticed the removal of a short section of dry stone wall at the Duddington Road access point. That was done under ecological supervision as there was a possibility that reptiles may have used the wall cavity as an overwintering hibernation site which would have delayed progress. (The material from the dry stone wall was carefully removed and is stored at another MGL quarry site ready to re-build once the road is constructed)

Also a recent archaeological geophysical survey has been undertaken along the alignment of the access road and further site investigations may follow.

On the Quarry site itself, MGL have built receptor sites for mammals and reptiles and translocation operations have continued and will be completed in Spring 2017.

The formal approval to divert the single footpath running through the site is expected from Northants CC shortly and works have commenced on the diversion route (around the western margin of the quarry site). Those works have involved the clearance of scrub and a small area of woodland as well as grass seeding the route in the northern sector of the site.

Preparations are in hand for a presentation on 11th January 2017 in the Village Hall by Mick George Ltd about how they will develop and operate the Quarry. This meeting will be open to all the residents of Barrowden and Wakerley and details of that event will be published in due course.

Barrowden Parish Council  
Wakerley Parish Meeting