

Report from second Quarry Liaison Committee meeting

The site is much changed from our first visit back in October of 2021.

Ingrebourne Valley had hoped to have the wash plant operational by



this meeting, but the installation was delayed as they had to wait for UK Power Networks to move overhead cables. This has recently been done and the site workers are getting ready for the concrete slab to be laid where the plant will be sited. It is hoped that the wash plant will be delivered in the next month, with 4 weeks to install and then a further 4 weeks to test and tweak before its fully operational. The photo to the left shows the preparation of the concrete slab and above shows the first phase of the extraction.



The entrance to the site has not been built. Ingrebourne are still waiting for BT to move cables that are not deep enough in the ground, that cross the entrance. BT are waiting work permits from Essex Highways. Once this work is completed then Ingrebourne can apply for permits to have the road splay constructed. Both of these will require the road to have traffic lights for a week or two.

Although gravel is being extracted from phase 1 it is being used for site requirements. Once the site has the wash plant operational, export of the mineral can start, they are hopeful that this would be very early of 2023. However, if there are hold ups on the construction of the entrance, this may get delayed further.

The Eastern Meadow construction is going well, but will not be fully completed this autumn, as there is too much to do, to be able to plant it out before this winter. But the main construction of the meadow will be completed.



The photos above show the completed side of the Eastern Meadow and the side that's under construction still.

Whilst walking around site we were shown the fresh water lagoon (pictured below) and the ditches that will catch the rain water run-off, so that water is reused across the site. We were also informed that the translocated hedge is doing very well despite the dry summer we have had.



At the meeting concerns that were raised by residents over the summer about dust and noise were addressed. All the concerns had been investigated thoroughly and were proven not be from the Quarry. Dust was from the dry farmers' fields or the Sahara dust that we had been subjected to. One particular noise episode was sheet metal working elsewhere close by.

ECC do monitor all dust and noise reports too and are satisfied that all is in order at the site.

There will be an archaeological artefact event at the Old School Room on Wednesday 30th November, to display and show villagers what has been found during the archaeological excavation. Timings have not been confirmed as yet, so please keep an eye out on Rayne's social media and at www.rayne-essex.gov.uk for further information. The Rayne Primary will also be taking classes down to the OSR to have a presentation on the findings.

I know the photos in this document will be hard to see in print, so you can also view this document at <https://files.rayne-essex.gov.uk/index.php/s/pQCkLsP9RaDwAnp?path=%2FIngrebourne%20Gravel%20Extraction>

Ingrebourne valley are keen to support the community and some of the site workers took time out in May to take part in the village litter pick and picked litter along Dunmow Road and near the site entrance.

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