

Do you live in or near Stirling?



Very soon Murrayhall Quarry on the south western side of Gillies Hill could be re-activated by Tarmac and Hanson Aggregates. Already considerably spoiled by years of quarrying even greater destruction is now promised.

What will this mean for the people of Stirling and Gillies Hill itself? Should we care?

Here are the issues that we are concerned about.



This viewpoint on Gillies Hill is threatened

Bannockburn and our heritage

- Gillies Hill is an internationally renowned historical heritage site, closely involved with the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. It was where Robert the Bruce's army sheltered before marching to the nearby battlefield for their famous victory.
- The hill also contains the site of an Iron Age fort which could be damaged or destroyed.

School safety and public health

- Up to 100 trucks per day could pass through the centre of Stirling in order to access the motorway. The map on the right shows these routes.
- These large heavily laden vehicles will pass two large schools, two nurseries, two parks and right in front of the castle.
- The blasting will take place less than one mile away from a known urban methane gas risk area in Stirling currently being monitored by the Scottish Environmental Health Agency.

Amenity, recreation and tourism

- Loss of recreational area - used by many people from the local community as well as those from outlying communities. These activities include walking, mountain biking, abseiling and birdspotting.
- Noise from this development will cause disturbance to everyone in Stirling as the daily blasting will be heard for miles around.



The quarry today

...5 years from now?



Wellingtonia Pine at the top of Gillies Hill, on the edge of the quarry

Wildlife and the environment

- Devastation to a large part of Gillies Hill would result in the loss of valuable wildlife habitat which is home to red squirrels, green woodpeckers, peregrine falcons and badgers. Some of these are endangered species.
- Quarrying this area would result in the loss of Wellingtonia trees, pictured above.
- This development would cause increased wear and tear on the roads in this area. This has to be paid for with your council tax money.

Planning

- We believe the current proposal is contrary to the Government's sustainable development strategy.
- The old minerals permission required that quarry operations do not create a nuisance to the community and the environment.
- The community now has serious concerns and the environment is threatened.
- Stirling Council and the Developers have not explained how they can address these concerns.

What can you do?

It's definitely not too late to save Gillies Hill. Fortunately, the re-activation of this quarry is still at the planning stage by the companies concerned. This means if enough people agree with our arguments and **take action now**, together, we can prevent it from happening. We want a full Environmental Impact Assessment to be carried out.

- Sign the e petition on our website.
- Write to your MSP, MP, Stirling Council, Tarmac or Hanson/Heidelberg Cement.
- Come along to one of our events.
- Keep an eye on our website for up-dates, progress and more information.

www.savegillieshill.org.uk