

HELP THE GILLIES HILL GET READY FOR ITS EIA

Save Gillies Hill has set up a number of groups to prepare for the anticipated EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) that Stirling Council recently agreed was now necessary.

Whether you're a member of *Save Gillies Hill*, or are simply someone who sympathises with our aims, and whether you're an expert in one of the areas outlined below, or are an enthusiastic lay person – **IF YOU WANT TO HELP, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

PROPOSED GROUP STRUCTURE

Shadow Environmental Impact Assessment is an attempt by the community to prepare documentary material which will allow the SGH group to give an informed opinion to Stirling Council Planning on the operator's EIA.

We hope as many members, and any other sympathisers as possible, can contribute to the *Shadow Environmental Impact Assessment*, and the structure for the study groups is as outlined below:

- A Flora and Fauna
- B Landscape and Recreational Use
- C Historical and Archaeological
- D Traffic
- E Mineral Extraction Operational

Suggested Study Content

All groups

Research Scottish Government and Stirling Council planning policy documents for relevance to issues studied

Consider relevance to "Save Gillies Hill" of published examples of other EIAs and their "mitigation" methods

A Flora and Fauna

What bio-diversity is there?

Why is it worth preserving?

What are opinions of any experts we consult?

B landscape and Recreational Use

Opinions on landscape change from relevant organisations (tourist boards etc)
Prepare photomontages to illustrate changes

Who uses the area?

What recreational activities take place?

Is our information reliable?

Could Stirling Council Ranger Service assist us to produce reliable evidence?

What are opinions of individuals/organisations on loss of amenity?

What are land ownership boundaries?

What are regulations re access to land with planning consent for mineral extraction?

C Historical and Archaeological

Gather opinions of relevant bodies –universities, historical societies etc etc
Research information

D Traffic

Gather opinions of local groups

Investigate effect of increased traffic on local schools etc

Question SC re-any projected statistical accident increase

E Mineral Extraction Operational

Alternatives

Research what alternative hard rock supplies in area

Address strategic need for rock in Stirling Council ? / central Scotland

Question whether Murrayshall rock is included in strategic landbank calculations and if so when was it added.

Restrictions to mineral extraction area

Consider reduction in environmental damage if mineral extraction area restricted to those areas partially worked

Vibration / dust / noise / drainage

Research likely mitigation methods

If you want to help, contact us at: gillieshill@hotmail.co.uk or phone: 01786 461305

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