



April 2020 - Prudham Quarry, Newbrough

Northumberland Wildlife Trust has submitted a full response to this application on the Northumberland County Council planning portal, which can be viewed [here](#). We have **objected** to the application, on the grounds listed below;

Local Wildlife Sites

The proposed site lies within the Fourstones and Park Shield Quarries Local Wildlife and Geodiversity Site (LWS). Given the lack of detail in the application, it is difficult to understand fully the potential impact of the proposed development on the LWS.

Green Belt

The site of the proposed development also lies within a green belt area. It is cherished by the local community, who access the site through a number of permitted and informal routes. The Trust feels that quarrying will conflict with the purpose of the land and consequently does not meet the guidelines laid out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Protected & Priority Species

The application fails to adequately assess protected species currently utilising the site, and any potential impacts on a number of protected species. It also fails to plan for mitigation works.

Restoration Strategy

NWT feels that the restoration strategy does not provide adequate detail or commit to maintaining biodiversity post-restoration and does not address any of the priority or protected species that utilise the LWS.

