

# www.SavePentney.co.uk

The online campaign to stop sand and gravel quarrying in Pentney village

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## **PENTNEY – A SMALL VILLAGE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COVENTRY**

Save Pentney Action Group express disappointment at Norfolk County Councils refusal to communicate.

Pentney, a stressed and harassed community have been left confused and disappointed by Norfolk County Councils apparent refusal to talk to them about the proposed MIN93 gravel quarry that threatens to rip the heart and soul out of their historic village.

Residents are asking if the consultation process which closed in April of this year has been re-opened again following a statement in the Lynn News on June 24<sup>th</sup> by an NCC spokesman who said “We are looking at ways to improve the consultation process for everyone involved”.

Cliff Smalley, chairman of the Save Pentney Action Group said “This statement suggests the process is still open, and if that’s the case we would welcome a signal of some sort from NCC, as that will give us an opportunity to submit more objections to the plan. Sadly, every attempt we have made to contact NCC has failed”.

Sam Knox, manager of the associated Save Pentney website added “I personally have sent over a dozen letters to NCC over the past four months on various topics relating to MIN93, but to date I haven’t received a single reply. Not even a simple acknowledgement that they are receiving my correspondence.”

He continued “I understand that NCC are busy wading through an unexpectedly large backlog of objections, but politeness costs nothing. It’s as if they’ve loaded the entire village of Pentney onto the back of a lorry and sent it to Coventry.”

The website, [www.SavePentney.co.uk](http://www.SavePentney.co.uk) was set up by local resident Sam Knox after plans were announced to dig a sand and gravel quarry right in the heart of the village.

The site exists to give the people of Pentney village a single unified voice with which to make their opinions and feelings about the MIN93 quarry proposal heard by a worldwide audience. The site features an uncensored public forum where comments and opinions are invited from supporters and opposition alike.

The campaign to save Pentney village is supported by actor, author and concerned local resident, Stephen Fry who expressed his disapproval of the proposed quarry, saying “Stretch a piece of elastic far enough and it will snap under the stress. Pentney is a stressed community, and it's rapidly approaching it's snapping point.”

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