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

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PROLONGED MISERY FOR PENTNEY

Delayed decision date raises blood pressure among Pentney residents.

Outrage has erupted in the rural Norfolk village of Pentney following the County Council's decision to delay the date when they will announce the results of the recent sand and gravel quarry site consultation process until January 30th 2009.

Norfolk County Council had originally promised to announce their shortlist of forty sites in November 2008, but this new decision to delay by two months means residents will have to live with the stress and worry of an uncertain future right through the Christmas period and into the new year.

Sam Knox, manager of the Save Pentney website said "I made a phone call to the County Council last week to see if I could get a definite date in November, but the young lady I spoke to informed me that the date had been put back to January 30th due to the overwhelming number of objections they had received."

Sam was joined by local resident Martha who added "They just keep prolonging the agony. Who's to say they won't delay it by another two months as the new January deadline starts to loom on the horizon. This is no way to live."

Despite the delay, the Save Pentney Action Group were keen to stress that the stakes remain high and they're in it to win. Chairman Cliff Smalley raised an interesting question when he asked "With the present state of the economy and the building industry in particular who is going to buy all this sand and gravel? As we know these materials are not stock items!"

Actor, author and staunch supporter of the Save Pentney campaign, Stephen Fry expressed his concern over the effect this proposal is having on the people of Pentney, 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."

The website, www.SavePentney.co.uk was set up by local resident Sam Knox 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.

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