



Purpose of the newsletter

Ibstock and Waste Recycling Group (WRG) are proposing to extend the quarry serving the Dorket Head Brickworks, with restoration of the site by landfill.

This newsletter provides an overview of the proposals, explains how Ibstock and WRG will protect local people and the environment, and provides details of the public information days to be held in early February.

Dorket Head Brickworks

Bricks are one of the most noticeable components of the built environment within villages, towns and cities throughout the UK and provide a popular, durable, sustainable and versatile construction material.

The East Midlands Plan has set a high housing target for the region with demand for bricks set to increase. The Dorket Head factory produces high quality facing bricks and provides employment for 56 people. It is one of the few remaining major employers in the area.

Continuing investment and development of the factory means it is well placed to meet house building requirements both locally and nationally. Reserves of clay at the brickworks are estimated to be only enough for a further

13 years of production. Therefore, it is important to identify further reserves.

The proposed Eastern Extension to the present clay workings would increase the stock of reserves by a further nine years and will utilise land immediately next to the existing quarry. Without the Eastern Extension, clay would need to be imported by road from further afield to keep the brickworks in production. The area of the Eastern Extension is outlined in red on the site layout below.

Site plan

Key:

-  Eastern Extension
-  Land owned by Ibstock
-  Existing permitted quarry and landfill
-  Area for landscaping



History of the site

Longstanding clay extraction and brick production has been conducted at Dorket Head.

The first planning permission was granted in 1961, with further permissions granted in 1973 and 1974 to extend the working area.

In 1983 planning permission was granted to restore the mineral workings by in-filling the quarry with “imported domestic refuse, industrial waste and non-toxic materials”. At the same time a new vehicle access into the site off Woodborough Lane was permitted.

Further permissions for clay extraction were granted in 1986 (for the eastern section of the site) and in 1998 for a southerly extension. Both of these permissions incorporated restoration by landfill.

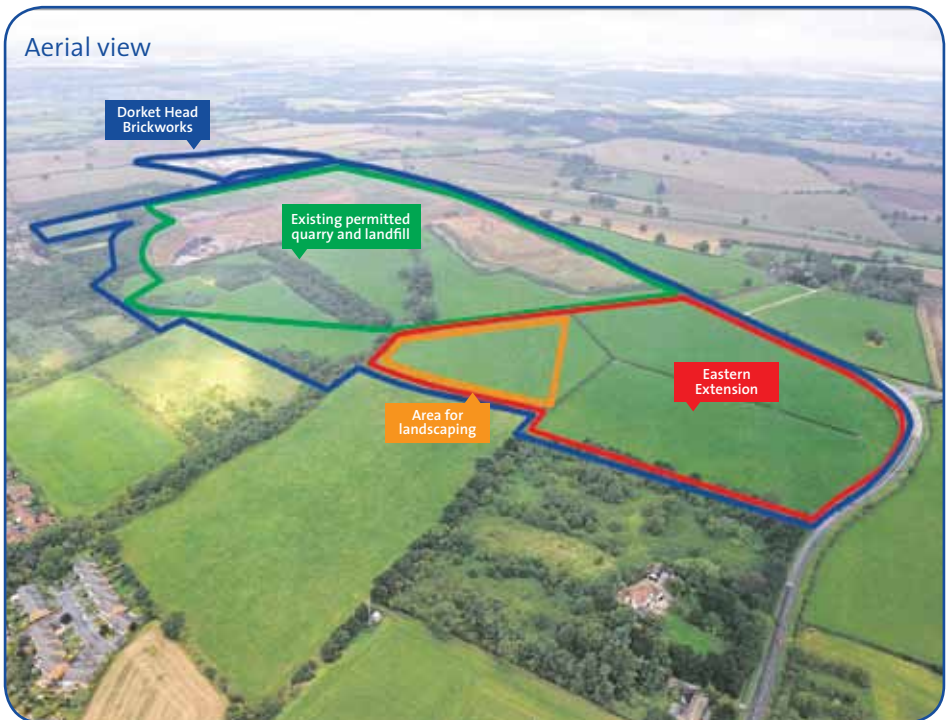
Under the provisions of the Environment Act 1995 the mineral permissions granted in the 1970s and 1980s were “reviewed”, with a new set of planning conditions issued on 8 December 2003. These again provide for restoration by landfill.

The planning application for the Eastern Extension will therefore include clay extraction and landfill restoration.

The importance of maintaining supplies of clay to brickworks is recognised in the Government’s guidance which states that there is a need “to provide a stock of permitted reserves to support the levels of actual and proposed investment... sufficient to provide for 25 years of production” (Minerals Planning Policy Statement 1).

Furthermore, national planning policy also favours extensions to existing sites, such as that proposed with the Eastern Extension.

Aerial view

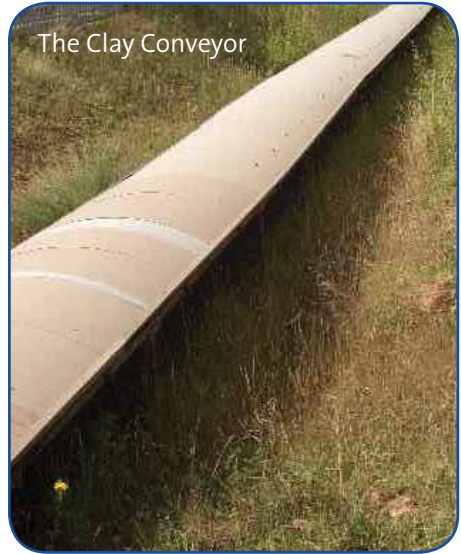


Quarry description

Quarrying at the site has been progressing from the western extent of the site nearest to Calverton Road, generally moving in an easterly direction.

The northern limit of the extraction is Woodborough Lane and to the south is the dense woodland screening copse planted by Ibstock many years ago.

Clay extraction from the quarry 'face' takes place in the summer months for only 6-8 weeks per year. Clay is taken to and stored in a stockpile within the quarry. As clay is needed it is removed from the stockpile and transported to the brick factory using a conveyor which passes beneath Calverton Road.



The Clay Conveyor

Landfill & restoration of the site

The Eastern Extension will also provide a final disposal point for waste that cannot be diverted from landfill or recycled. Current landfill capacity within Nottinghamshire is only expected to last for a further four or five years, therefore, extra capacity needs to be found.

Worked out parts of the quarry are shaped to create engineered sealed 'cells' into which waste is tipped, compacted and covered with clay and soils.

Restoration of the site is then completed with the planting of trees, shrubs, hedges and woodland. This process enables the reinstatement of public footpaths and provides suitable drainage for surface water.

In order for WRG to be able to operate the Eastern Extension as a landfill site, an Environmental Permit from the Environment Agency will have to be granted. A permit is only issued if the Environment Agency is satisfied that the site can operate without adverse impacts on people and the environment.

Protecting people and the environment

Ibstock and WRG understand the importance of ensuring that our operations do not have an adverse impact on local residents and are committed to being good neighbours with the local community.

We are currently in the process of considering the proposed Eastern Extension and the potential significance of any impact of the proposed clay extraction and restoration by landfill. The process of assessing this impact is called an Environmental Impact Assessment.

We have now started some of these studies and we would like to share these with the local community. We have planned two public information days so that you can let us know what you think. Your feedback will then help us to refine our planning application.

Further information on the measures that Ibstock and WRG will be taking to protect local people and the environment, will be available at the public information days taking place in early February.

Want to know more?

To find out more about our plans for the Eastern Extension or current operations, please contact us:

Phone Us:

Call our information line on
0800 023 2675*

25th-29th Jan, 9am-8pm: 1st Feb onwards
9am-5.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Email Us:

info@easternextension.co.uk

Visit Us Online:

www.easternextension.co.uk

* These contact details will put you in touch with PPS who are assisting Ibstock and WRG with community stakeholder engagement and enquiries.

Ibstock and WRG have a longstanding Community Liaison Group which is made up of representatives of the local community. If you are interested in joining this Group please contact us using the details above.

Exhibition details

Ibstock and WRG are holding two public information days in February to provide further information about the Eastern Extension.

A series of information panels will be on display with members of the Project Team on hand to answer any questions that you may have. These are taking place on:

Friday, 5th February 2010 6-9pm

The Bonington Theatre Lounge,
161 Front Street, Arnold, NG5 7EE

Saturday, 6th February 2010 10am-3pm

Killsick Community Centre,
Killsick Road, Arnold, NG5 7JJ

Who is Ibstock?

Ibstock Brick Limited is one of the UK's market leaders in brick and paving manufacture.

The Company takes its name from the original base in the village of Ibstock in Leicestershire, where the Company still has its headquarters.

Ibstock Brick Limited has 20 brick and paver plants in the UK with a total annual capacity in excess of 900 million bricks. The Company employs a total of 1,400 people across the UK.

For further information visit:

www.ibstock.com



Private Dwelling House, Lowdham, Notts – Hardwicke Oakham blend

Who is WRG?

WRG, a leading UK waste management and energy recovery company, is part of Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas (FCC) the international construction and services group.

WRG is focused on delivering integrated waste management and energy recovery solutions to meet national, regional and local needs for local authorities and private commercial companies. The Company operates facilities for the reception, recycling and disposal of waste, including a network of waste transfer and recycling centres and a regional network of landfill sites, and also manages a wide range of recycling sites on behalf of local authorities for use by the general public.

For further information visit:

www.fcc.es

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