

# KNIGHTSFORD PARISH COUNCIL Session 19

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**This submission covers points in addition to the KPC 2015 & 2018 consultation submissions.**

## **AS-19 Woodsford Quarry Extension (Q133-141)**

### **Question 135 – Has the potential impact on “Sculptures by the Lakes” been taken into account?**

NPPF 123 says local authorities should “Identify and protect areas of tranquillity which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for the recreational and amenity value for this reason”. KPC believe Sculptures by the Lakes meets this requirement and should be protected from the impact of quarrying noise.

The MPA often revert to stating that “mitigations will be put in place” to prevent intrusion of noise. This is generally interpreted as meaning that trees will be planted or that soil bunds will be built. It should be noted that BS 5228 – the noise standard used for quarrying noise control – specifically states that trees do not mitigate noise and that soil bunds do not reliably attenuate noise at distances over 300m away. We have direct experience with this at the Woodsford quarry where noise conditions are being exceeded at the closest property 400m away despite there being 100m of trees and a 5m high soil bund. The MPA has refused to enforce the noise condition and has failed to identify proposals to minimise, mitigate or remove noise emissions at source in accordance with government guidelines. We are concerned that this lack of regard for the tranquil rural environment will adversely impact Sculptures by the Lakes if AS-19 site proceeds.

### **Question 139 – Has the potential impact on the River Frome SSSI been adequately assessed?**

We have not had an opportunity to review or comment on the latest Habitats Risk Assessment ahead of the examination.

### **Question 141**

Water voles are definitely present – I have them in my garden! Otters have been recorded on the Frome.