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Welcome to Smith and Sons (Bletchington) Limited's exhibition about proposals for an extension to our Dewars Farm Quarry. We'd like your feedback on our extension proposals and these boards provide an outline of the plans together with details of the technical work done which have helped us design the scheme.

Smiths currently operate a limestone quarry at Dewars Farm, between Middleton Stoney and Ardley, in Oxfordshire. There is a long history of quarrying at Ardley, with the current site at Dewars Farm operating since circa 2004.

The existing quarry is coming to the end of its life and additional supplies of limestone are required. Land to the north-east of the existing quarry, between the M40 motorway and Viridor's EfW facility, has been identified as a suitable site to continue the supply of this much needed resource.

A planning application is being prepared for the extraction of mineral from this extension area, which will be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council later this year.

As part of the design and planning process, Smiths wish to discuss their proposals for the site with the local community. This exhibition sets out to describe the proposals for the extension to Dewars Farm Quarry and provides an opportunity for communication and feedback from the local community, which will shape the design of the development.



Current extraction area

Smiths are a local family run company that has been working in Oxfordshire for more than 100 years.

Dewars Farm Quarry has been operating since circa 2004, and the quarry is worked for its limestone which provides a range of aggregate materials for Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas. Projects that we have supplied range from East-West Rail, Retail and Housing projects at Bicester Gateway, Towcester By-pass and Housing at Heyford

The development will sustain the employment of 16 jobs, which will continue to support the local rural economy. In addition, we spend approximately £2million in the area each year including salaries, business rates and buying services from local companies. We also like to support local community organisations in whatever way we can.

Dewars Farm Quarry has recently been awarded Quarry of the Year 2022 by the British Aggregates Association for it's high operating standards - this is the second year in a row that Smiths has won this award.



British Aggregates Association Awards Ceremony

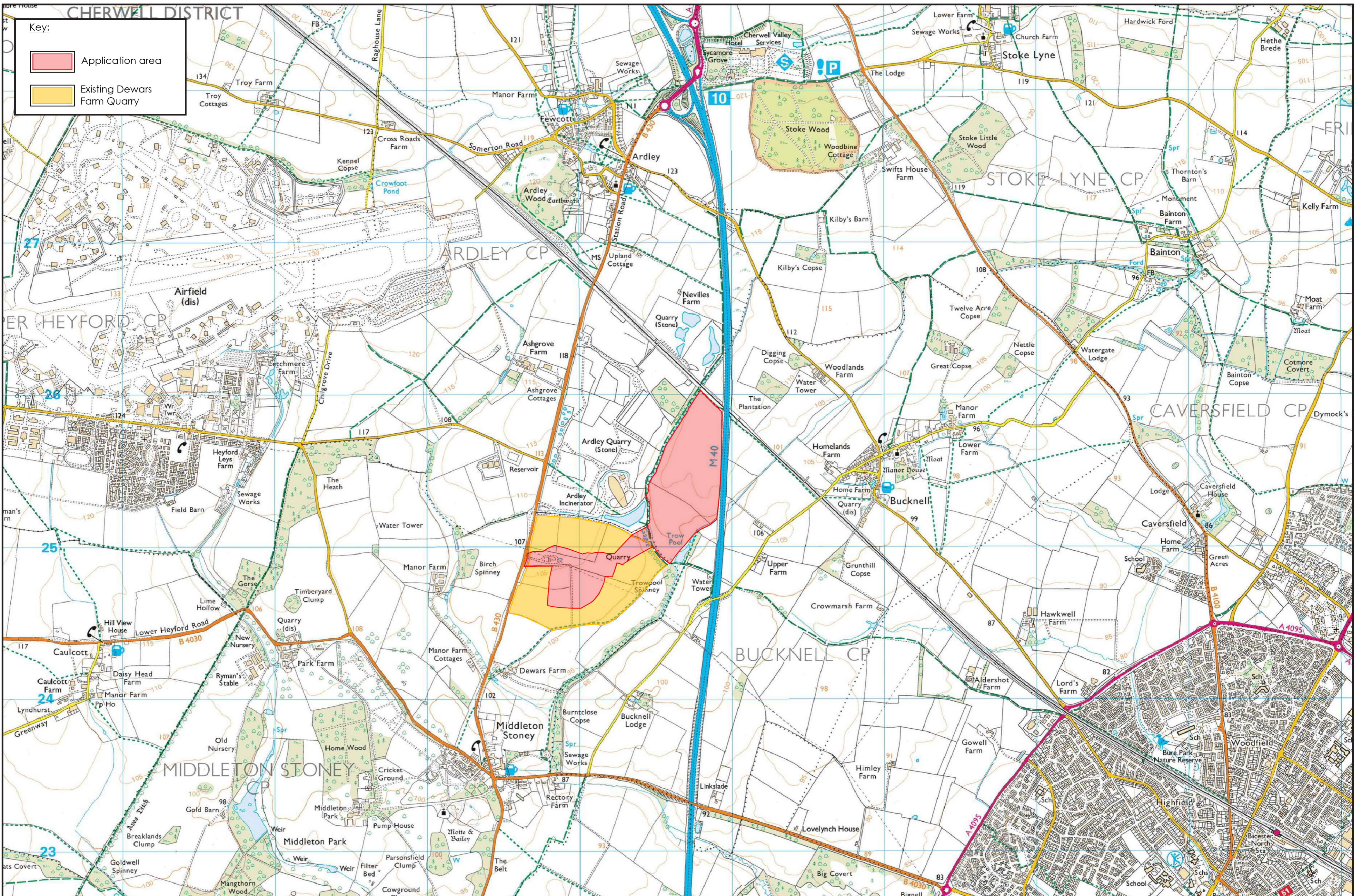


Figure 1 - Site Location Plan

Dewars Farm Quarry Extension

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