



Securing future supplies at Whatley quarry

We are holding three public drop-in events to set out our proposals to access additional mineral reserves within the existing boundary of Whatley quarry and extend the timeframe for extraction.

Members of our team and specialist consultants will be on hand to answer your questions.

Please join us on:

- **Tuesday 06 October 2026** between 15:00 and 20:30 at:
The Church of the Holy Trinity, Chantry BA11 3LJ
- **Thursday 08 October 2026** between 15:00 and 20:30 at:
Nunney Village Hall, Berry Hill, Nunney BA11 4NR
- **Thursday 15 October 2026** between 15:00 and 20:30 at:
Mells Tithe Barn, Selwood Road, Mells BA11 3PN

Everyone is welcome.

We are also holding an online event on **Tuesday 20 October 2026** between 19:00 and 20:00. To register to attend, please visit:

heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/whatley/future



An essential construction material

Whatley quarry has been supplying vital building materials for use in the construction and maintenance of homes, schools, hospitals and roads for nearly 100 years.

To make the most of the reserves, Heidelberg Materials is seeking permission to extend extraction within Whatley's existing quarry boundary as well as the timeframe for quarrying.

Our proposals

Activity would be limited to within the existing site boundary so, beyond the quarry gate, it would be business as usual and our neighbours would see little change.

No changes are proposed to the quarry's operating hours or blasting approach. This new application also remains in line with our commitment that combined aggregate volumes from our Whatley and Westdown sites will not exceed an average of 8 million tonnes per annum; the same as the current permitted levels for Whatley alone.

Changing the end date for Whatley would secure the long-term future of the quarry and make the best use of all available reserves.

Whatley will continue to focus on supplying national demand by rail, helping keep HGVs away from local villages and minimising carbon emissions while also sustaining local jobs and securing supplies for local and national customers.

Our plans aim to ensure the best use of Whatley's reserves and include:

- Continued extraction of permitted but constrained reserves within the western staggered benches, eastern part of the quarry and beneath the processing plant to the previously approved 0m AOD level (sea level).
- Additional extraction within the existing consented areas of the quarry by reprofiling the western staggered benches and northwest tip.
- Deepening the western staggered benches, existing quarry floor and eastern end of the site by the equivalent of four additional benches to -60m AOD.
- Extending the quarry's end date to 2055 to allow both existing and additional limestone reserves to be secured.

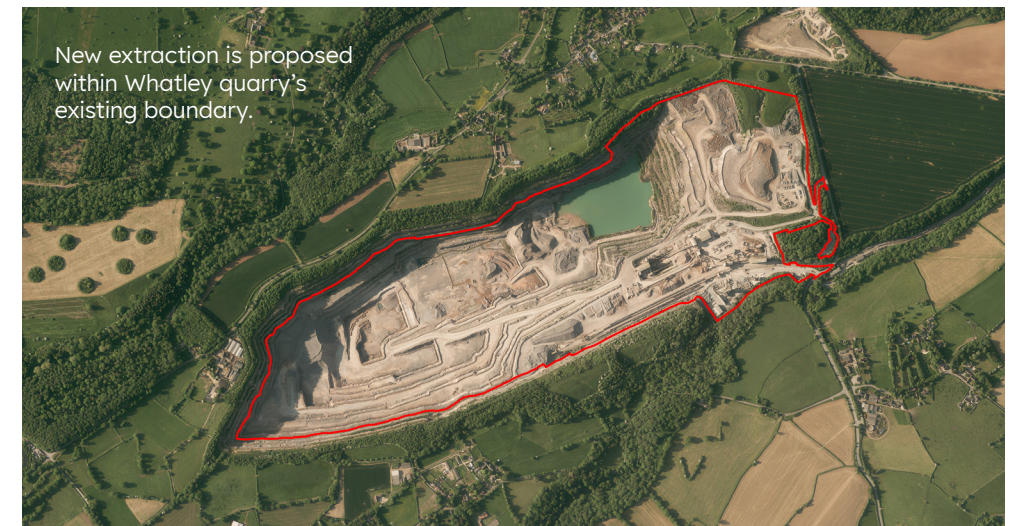


Environment and restoration

An independent Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), covering a wide range of topics, will accompany our application. It has been carried out to identify any potential impacts of our proposals and set out how they can be mitigated.

Whatley quarry is already well screened and the proposed extraction areas would not be visible from outside of the site. Our plans do, however, include additional planting in the northern and western parts of the quarry to further contain noise and minimise dust.

Updated restoration plans would still see the excavated void filled with water to create a deep lake as well as the creation of a mosaic of habitats such as woodland, scrub, grassland and wetland suitable for dormice, bats, otters, wildfowl and invertebrates.



New extraction is proposed within Whatley quarry's existing boundary.

Immediate next steps

After reviewing the feedback on our current plans from local people and other stakeholders, we will finalise our proposals before submitting a planning application to Somerset Council (SC).

SC will then consult with statutory bodies and invite comments from residents before making its decision.

If approved, these proposals would secure the future of Whatley quarry for the next three decades.



Having your say

We hope you can attend our three public drop-ins or join our online event (details on the front page) where members of our team will provide more information and answer questions.

Your feedback is important to us and will help us shape our final plans. You can provide feedback at one of our in-person events, or via our website. The deadline for responses is **23:59 on 31 October 2026**.

Further details about our proposals will also be added to our Whatley community website in the coming weeks at:

heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/whatley/future

