

SAVING LAND FROM DEVELOPERS (#2)



ISLES QUARRY EAST - Borough Green

Isles Quarry East was a ragstone quarry excavated between 1850 and 1960 when it was finally backfilled with inert quarry waste from Stangate Quarry.

This land was originally earmarked for up-market development by Hanson, TMBC and the Parish Council at that time.

We were successful in getting it re-allocated as "public amenity land" in accordance with TM/94/155, but it remained in Hanson's ownership and was just left. During the 2007 LDF and the current Local Plan, we were able to get its "amenity land" designation reinforced, and after many years lobbying developers and TMBC we were able to engineer a "planning gain" on a 9 house development by Hanson adjacent to the site, and the land was gifted to the Parish Council.

Because of its very poor soil during its re-wilding it became a haven for orchids and other wild species, and wildlife in general.