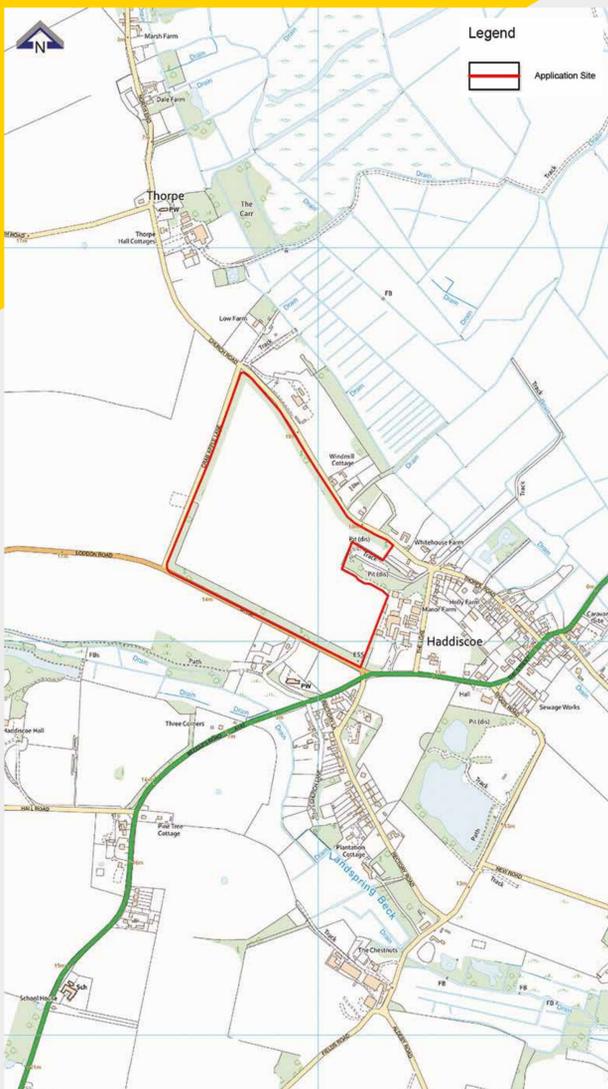
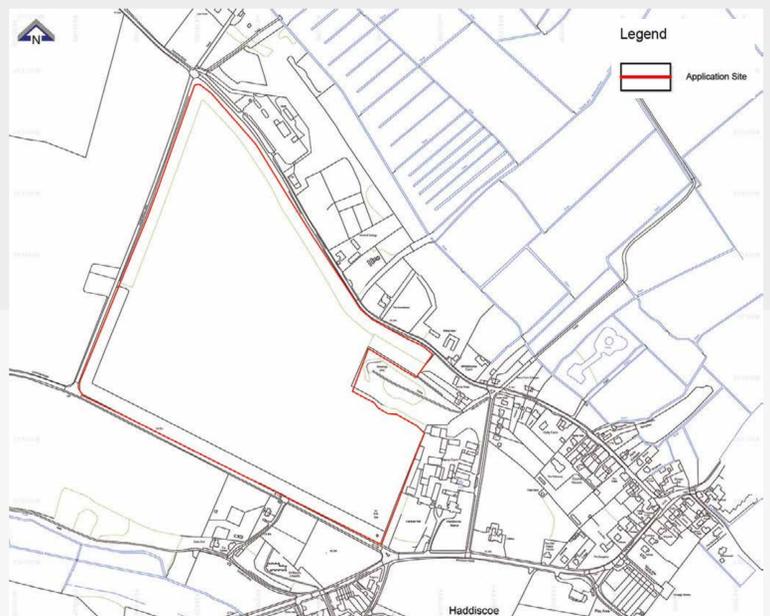


The proposed development



Breedon is preparing to submit a planning application for the quarrying of 650,000 tonnes of gravel over a total period of 8 years, including a year to complete the site's restoration from land west of Haddiscoe village. It is proposed to restore the site back to agriculture at a lower level (i.e., no material will be imported onto site to replace the gravel that's removed). Another aim of the restoration is to significantly improve on the biodiversity value of the land compared to its present value as arable land.



The site is located in the parish of Haddiscoe some 300m to the west of the centre of Haddiscoe, 700m south east of Thorpe and directly east of and abutting Crab Apple Lane. The site consists of some 21 hectares of largely level agricultural arable land surrounded by a belt of maturing trees. Access would be from Crab Apple Lane to the B1136 Yarmouth Road.

The key points of that proposed are:

- The quarrying of 650,000 tonnes of gravel in three phases over 7 years, with a further year to complete restoration
- This equates to around 100,000 tonnes per year
- The quarry would be restored as working progresses to agricultural land at a lower level, but with a pond/ephemeral water feature in the base of the restored land. The restoration scheme seeks to significantly improve the biodiversity of the site
- The Company does not need the sand within the site, just the gravel. The sand will be screened out with a powered mobile screen at the quarry face and used in the land's restoration
- All the gravel quarried will be carried by lorries to our Norton Subcourse Quarry for processing. There will be no processing, silt lagoons or sales from the Haddiscoe site
- All gravel lorries will travel between the Haddiscoe site and Norton Subcourse Quarry via Crab Apple Lane and the Loddon Road to our dedicated site access on the latter. No lorries will pass through Haddiscoe village to the A143. On average the quarry will generate an additional 38 lorries a day, or 19 entering and 19 leaving the site. This equates to 4 per hour, or 2 in and 2 out
- Haddiscoe gravel will be mixed with the existing permitted sand rich deposit at Norton Subcourse Quarry to allow a fuller range of aggregate products to be offered to our customers and our own plants. Although we expect to sell some material locally as we do now, the bulk of the products will be sold into the Norwich market
- The site will be worked dry, i.e., the water table won't be disturbed, no pumping, lagoons or discharges of water off site will be required
- The trees surrounding the site will be retained and managed as necessary for the life of the proposed quarry. None will be removed
- The existing bellmouth access onto Crab Apple Lane will be used for site access, although it will be surfaced into the site
- Power cables that cross the site will be removed and buried around the northern and eastern margins of the site so they won't be disturbed
- The bridleway which crosses the northern half of the site will be temporarily diverted to allow that part of the site to be quarried, then reinstated on its current alignment. At no point will it be closed
- The proposed hours of operation are Monday to Friday 08:00-18:00 and Saturday 08:00-13:00. There would be no working on Sundays or Bank and National Holidays
- The land to the south of the Loddon Road does not form part of this application and it is not the Company's intention to quarry this land