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## Council calls public meeting on Chiltern Quarry

Indigo Shire Council planning staff are assessing a revised Work Plan and application material associated with the proposed Chiltern Quarry on Skeleton Hill.

Council is holding a public meeting in Chiltern on Monday 11 October at the Chiltern Memorial Hall at 7pm, to allow residents an opportunity to discuss this issue.

Sustainable Communities General Manager Mark Florence said Councillors and senior staff would be present at the meeting.

"The intent of the meeting is for Councillors and Council officers to understand in greater detail the thoughts and opinions of the community on this matter," Mr Florence said.

"The meeting will not be a technical presentation of the application, but rather a chance for people to discuss their concerns and viewpoints with us.

"Staff will record people's comments and advise on the process for lodging formal submissions. All of this information will be considered in the context of a report to Council, probably at its November meeting."

Mr Florence said submissions could be made up until the November meeting.

"But if people wish to make a submission, it would be better to send it to Council before the November meeting, which is on November 9 in Rutherglen," he said.

Mr Florence said the matter was a very sensitive one for the community and it was important that people had time to consider any submissions they might make.

The application for a new quarry at Chiltern was lodged late last year. At that time, a timeframe for submissions was extended from the statutory two weeks to two months. Subsequently, at the start of this year, there was a delay with the approved Work Plan for the site, and the matter has been on hold.

With the approval of the Work Plan by the Department of Primary Industries, the processing 'clock' on the application has been restarted.

The proposed site for a new quarry is to the south east of the Chiltern township between Black Dog Creek Road, Chiltern-Beechworth Road and Forrest Lane. The broader area around the site contains sections of the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.

The proposed site will contain an extraction area in the north east corner, a mobile processing plant, a primary crushing plant and stockpile, a fixed processing plant and product stockpile, a northern stockpile, roads throughout the site, northern and western embankment walls and an increase in the size of two existing dams.

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