

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

Bramcote Quarry Consultation

1. Purpose of Report

To update Members on the Bramcote Quarry consultation results and to seek agreement on the proposed name for the site. This is in accordance with the Council's corporate priority to protect the environment for future generations.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to note the report and to RESOLVE that a name for the site, as selected from the options set out in Appendix 2, be approved.

3. Detail

In July 2025, Broxtowe Borough Council formally adopted the former Biffa sand quarry and landfill site at Bramcote. The site now forms an important area of young woodland, grassland and biodiversity-rich habitats, located alongside an established residential community. With funding secured for improvement works, the Council has begun to implement initial enhancements, including measures to improve site accessibility, and is progressing the statutory process to designate the area as a Local Nature Reserve. A site map is provided in **Appendix 1**.

To help inform the development of the site's management plan, public consultation was identified as a key requirement and was approved by Cabinet in February 2026. The consultation was undertaken throughout March 2026, with this report setting out the results and key findings.

A total of 275 responses were received, demonstrating a strong level of engagement from the local community. The findings highlight clear and consistent themes, with respondents emphasising the importance of maintaining the site as a natural, accessible and well-managed space. There is strong support for improvements that enhance accessibility and usability, particularly through better path surfacing, improved entrances and clearer routes. At the same time, respondents consistently identified the importance of protecting and enhancing biodiversity, with high levels of support for habitat creation and nature-focused improvements.

The site is clearly valued as a space for informal recreation, with walking, quiet enjoyment of nature and everyday use identified as the primary ways people wish to use the site in the future. There was also recognition of the need to address practical issues such as safety, anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping, while ensuring that improvements remain sensitive and do not detract from the site's overall character.

In relation to the naming of the site, a clear majority of respondents (61%) expressed a preference for retaining the existing name, "Bramcote Quarry". While a wide range of alternative names were suggested, there was no single dominant option. A full list of these suggestions is provided in **Appendix 2** for consideration as part of the final decision-making process.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Funding for the improvement works currently being undertaken at the site has been secured through Section 106 contributions.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

There are no direct climate change implications arising from the report recommendations. The proposals focus on the management and enhancement of an existing natural site, with an emphasis on improving accessibility and supporting biodiversity.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

13. Background Papers

Nil.