

LIMESTONE QUARRIES HABITAT STATEMENT

Conservation objectives

- To oppose any further planning applications for new quarries in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- To oppose any further increases in the geographical extent of quarries in the Yorkshire Dales National Park where these will have a detrimental effect on wildlife.
- To ensure that plans for the long-term management and restoration of the nature conservation value of all existing quarries are produced and adequately funded.
- To ensure that quarrying activities do not affect the nature conservation interest of surrounding habitats.

Conservation measures

- To presume against new quarry applications or increases to the geographical extent of existing quarries through the planning system.
- Work with quarry owners to develop long-term plans for the nature conservation management or restoration of quarries and negotiate appropriate funds to achieve these plans.
- Ensure that quarry companies and statutory agencies monitor the effects of quarrying activities and discharges on surrounding habitats and that all necessary measures are undertaken to prevent adverse impacts.
- Ensure that scientifically rigorous Environmental Impact Assessments are made of any new activities within existing quarry licences.

