

Peak Park put enforcement and stop notices on the Wagers Flat site.

July – PDNPA withdrew the stop notice on Backdale, but warned the operators that they would act if any resumption resulted in unlawful mineral works.

September – Operations resumed at Backdale. Between September and December another 50,000 tonnes of limestone were removed.

Defra Minister Jonathon Shaw visits Longstone Edge and has a meeting with representatives of local Parish Councils, CPRE and SLEG.

November – Ineos Fluor, part of the world's third largest chemical company took over Glebe Mines.

December – Yet another leak, this time from one of the big Lagoons on Longstone Edge. Once again Stoke Brook and the River Derwent are polluted. Glebe Mines plugged it but residents in Stoney Middleton are still worried

Where Are We NOW?

In December 2007, a pre-meeting was held for the Inquiry into the Wagers Flat enforcement notice appeal, MMC and Bleaklow assert that the enforcement notice is a nullity (does this sound familiar?).

January, Peak Park imposed another stop order on Backdale to prevent any further limestone extraction. Limestone that had already been blasted from the ground is still being removed from the site.

Looking forward

The pattern of events in 2008 currently looks like this.

February - the Wagers Flat enforcement notice nullity issue will be decided by the

Planning Inspectorate based on written legal submissions.

27/28 February: High Court hearing into the appeal by MMC/Bleaklow against the Planning Inspector's decision to uphold the Peak Park's enforcement notice at Backdale.

13-23 May: Public Planning Inquiry scheduled at Calver village Hall into the appeal by MMC/Bleaklow against the enforcement notice at Wagers Flat.

As you can probably see, each of these events could well affect any subsequent events, and it's difficult to see exactly how this is going to unfold.

Register for e-mail updates:

The situation over the next few months looks as if it will be quite volatile. We may need people at short notice to write letters, lobby politicians, or demonstrate your anger in person at public events. Some of you have already provided e-mail addresses. In order to take full advantage of this communication medium, we have set up a Yahoo group to pass on messages quickly.

First you must register with Yahoo as a user going to <http://uk.yahoo.com/> Once you have created a user you can search for our group named "savelongstoneedge" and once found request membership.

Once you are a member you can send emails to :

savelongstoneedge@yahoo.co.uk to get it emailed to all registered users for the email group, alternatively you can enter text or browse previous messages by looking for this URL

(<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/savelongstoneedge/>)