

Lafarge Aggregates



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WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Aggregates are granular materials that form a vital part of the construction process and of the infrastructure we rely upon. These may be sand, gravel, crushed stone, slag, or recycled concrete.

WHAT WE DO

Lafarge Aggregates' main activity is the quarrying of sand, gravel and hard rock such as granite, limestone and gritstone. Quarried rock is crushed and graded into high quality aggregate then used in road surfacing, concrete, railway track ballast, building foundations, drainage, landscaping and DIY.

Quarried sand and gravel is used for concrete, mortar, roof tiles and various decorative purposes.



WHERE WE ARE

England: County Durham, Tyne and Wear, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, West Midlands, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Berkshire, Greater London, Hampshire, Kent.

Wales: Denbighshire, Caerphilly.



KEY FACTS

Number of sites: 38 active quarries, including Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, one of the largest granite quarries in Europe, 19 depots, 8 waste/recycling sites plus railheads.

Number of employees: 700 plus.

MD: Emmanuel Rigaux.



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MAJOR PROJECTS

- M25, M1 widening, A421(above) and A46.
- Network Rail - supplying and recycling rail ballast.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Aggregate is the most heavily consumed product in the world after water.
- Quarrying stone for construction has been a human endeavour for thousands of years but the market for aggregates has grown enormously in the last 200 years thanks to the invention of cement and the use of modern concrete.
- Great Britain uses around 205 million tonnes of aggregates or four tonnes per year for every man, woman and child in the country.
- Around 90 per cent of total aggregate minerals are used by the construction industry.
- Great Britain is virtually self-sufficient in aggregates with more than 97 per cent sourced domestically.
- Around 25 per cent of aggregate demand in Great Britain is from recycled sources.
- Aggregates account for 60 to 70 per cent of a concrete mix by mass.
- Without aggregates the modern world would fall apart – the UK's road network handle some 94 per cent of passenger travel and 60 per cent of freight and aggregates feature at all levels of the road construction.
- Railways need some three million tonnes of aggregates a year as track ballast while the construction of a new house uses up to 50 tonnes of aggregates – from the foundations to the roof tiles.
- Around 0.13 per cent of UK land area is used for aggregate extraction and figures from the Mineral Planning Association indicate the rate of land restored exceeds the new land prepared for quarrying.