

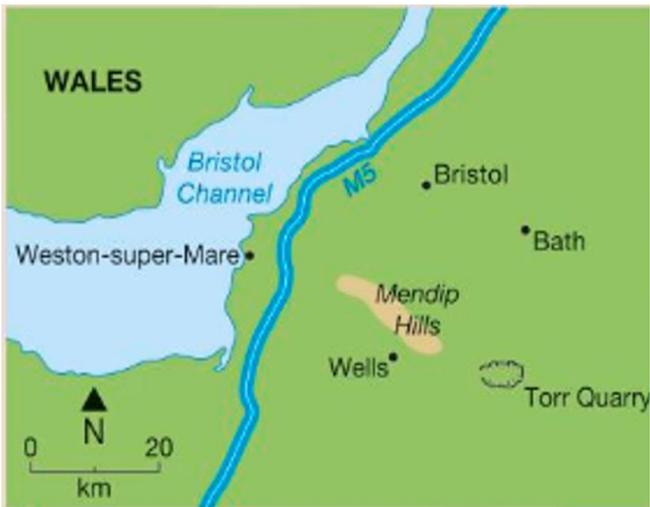
Torr Quarry Somerset

How does quarrying in the UK affect the environment?

Destroys habitats
Pollute rivers nearby
Scars the landscape

Companies are expected to restore the land after use by:

Create a landfill site
Using it for housing
Creating a flood storage
Creating new habitats.



Torr quarry is located to the South-east of Bristol and Bath. It is one of the 8 quarries located near the Mendip hills. Quarry began in 1940s. The site occupies 2.5kmsq. It produces between 5-8million tonnes every year.

Aims of the quarry to be more sustainable:

- Restored to create wildlife lakes for recreation and water supply.
- Limestone will be added to make the area realistic
- 200 acres of the site have already been blended into the environment (Planting grass and trees).
- Regular noise monitoring, vibration, airborne emissions and water quality.
- Rail transport minimises impact of local roads.

Impacts of the quarry

- 100 people employed
- Contributes over £15million to the economy
- Rocks are used nationally of construction material.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the output is completed by railway

