

# Quarrying – Glossary

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<b>Aquiclude</b>	a rock or layer in the ground that is a barrier to the flow of groundwater.
<b>Aquifer</b>	a rock or layer in the ground that holds water in small holes between the rock grains, or in cavities and through which water can flow.
<b>Contaminated or polluted land</b>	land that has materials in it that could be dangerous to humans, animals or plants (usually material left over from industrial processes e.g. chemicals).
<b>Hydrocarbons</b>	usually complicated chemicals containing hydrogen and carbon e.g. as found in aircraft fuel.
<b>Permeable</b>	allowing liquids or gases to pass through; capable of being permeated.
<b>Site of Special Scientific Interest</b>	areas of land that have special legal protection i.e. woodland (protected against the cutting down of trees)