

The quarry of Bouloc has been the subject of a debate in the Communauté de Communes Quercy-Pays-de-Serres

The commission in charge of environmental subjects came together on the 18th of October at Tréjous in a public meeting directed by Mme. Tauran, the “chair leader” of the commission. The sole subject on the agenda was “the quarry of Bouloc”.

A summary of the administrative calendar has been given.

The project of Mr. Rup has been explained and the listeners have pointed out the inaccuracies, or better, the errors in the proposals of Mr. Rup.

Mr. Reversat, councillor for Bouloc and member of the commission charged with environment, has made clear the extent of the threat which the quarry imposes on the precious water reserves.

Some extracts of the “Schéma des carrières” have been used to support the economical justification of the project (however, the public noticed that this was done in an incomplete, and even misleading way).

In preference to a map made by Bouloc Environnement which was based on objective and verifiable data, a map furnished by Mr. Rup has been used for the explanations. However, up to this moment this map is not available for either the general public or Bouloc Environnement, which proposed to make it known to the public at large by publishing it on its web-site. On this map an access to the quarry has not been foreseen and it is situated at a distance of about 700 meters of Bouloc and at 800 meters from Lobies.

(at the request of Mr. Benoit at the instigation of Bouloc Environnement, Mr. Rup “I do not wish this map to be open to the public, it is a working document, which might not be totally updated”).

From the explanations it becomes clear that the only justifications of the project are the interests of SA RUP. Economically, socially and environmentally the project is opposed to the general interest, and flagrantly contradicts the development strategies proposed by the Communauté de Commune, which have been brought back to memory by Mme. Tauran.

Mr. Gervais, mayor of Bouloc, now intervened to question the validity of the voting of the motion by the full council of Bouloc on the 2nd of October last immediately after the presentation of the project made by Mr. J.P. Rup in person (*1 vote in favour of the quarry, 2 abstentions and 8 votes against the quarry*). Feigning to ignore that more than 80% of the population of Bouloc signed the petition against the quarry, in front of the embarrassed but silent councillors present, he embarked upon a monologue which was not only in favour of the quarry but also xenophobic. He was happy that the installation of the quarry would not only cause the departure of the strangers and the Parisians, but also that the consecutive loss of value of real estate would enable the original population to get hold of the property (*by the way, Mr. Gervais, is not he also a stranger in the Tarn –et-Garonne ?*).

The explanations being concluded, Mr. Benoit, president of the Communauté de Commune has invited the audience to compromise (*sic !*), and wished that one should wait for the results of more profound studies before pronouncing oneself. “However, The Communauté de Commune, the place of solidarity and subsidiarity will express itself in the same way as Bouloc” (*perhaps Bouloc did not yet express itself properly according to Mrs. Gervais and Benoit ?*).

In order to prevent further questions from the shocked, discouraged, but disciplined out numbered public (only three persons), the president closed the meeting.