



On the 5th of August 2008 the company Rup deposited a request for the authorization of the establishment of a quarry next to Bouloc.

In February 2009 the President of the Administrative Court of Toulouse decided that a public enquiry will take place in the commune of Bouloc and designated Mr Guy Benac as the responsible commissioner. The communes concerned by this public enquiry are Bouloc, Belvèze, Lauzerte, Valprionde, St. Croix, Ste. Juliette and Lebreil.

The public enquiry will be open from the 14.04.2009 and included the 14.05.2009. During this period the study of the impact of the project will be available for the public in the Town hall of Bouloc, where a "enquiry register" will be also present in which it is possible to write down your observations around this project.

Any information concerning the public enquiry will be posted outside the Town hall of the communes concerned.

The moment we were all waiting for, and for which we prepared everything, has finely come. Now it is up to us to act and exert all of us the right to write in the "enquiry register" our opinion relating to the establishment of this quarry. An establishment which will not only be detrimental to the commune of Bouloc, but also to its neighbouring communes.

In the communes concerned not only the permanent inhabitants are involved, but also the inhabitants who are the owner of a secondary house there have the right to express themselves and give their opinion. Because for them it is difficult or even impossible to come in person, they can write a letter (in French!) to the following address:

Le commissaire enquêteur M. Guy Benac,
Mairie de Bouloc,
82110 Bouloc.

The only requirement being that this letter arrives at the Town hall of Bouloc during the month that the public enquiry will be open.

The point of view of the Association Bouloc Environnement is that which it already expresses from the start, a firm no to the request of the establishment of a second quarry at Bouloc. This opinion is based on several considerations.

1. It is important to realize that actually we find ourselves with two companies who are concerned with a quarry near us:
 - a. The O.SA.GRA company which manages the quarry of Belvèze.
 - b. The Rup company which asks for the establishment of a quarry at 400 meters of Bouloc.
2. We admit that there is a need for quarries, it is an necessary evil. But in spite of that a quarry is not a harmless thing. They are classified installations of which it is necessary to avoid their proliferation and which should be controlled rigorously.
3. On one hand we have a quarry of which we know that the company which manages it is well integrated in the daily life of our area and whose behaviour towards the neighbouring communities is such that the impact on our life is the least possible. On the other hand we run the risk of having another quarry, one that is managed by a company of which we had the occasion to see the behaviour of its persons in charge and that of its sympathizers.
4. The second quarry will be appreciably closer to Bouloc than the quarry of Belvèze and by consequence, the life in the village of Bouloc and its surrounding communes will suffer seriously from it.
5. Tourism, which was in full development in our region, will not be able to cope with a multiplication of the number of quarries. Let not be destroyed this source of income for Bouloc.
6. We already have a quarry in our vicinity which has an infrastructure already present. Why a second, and why not a third ? Why allow a savage competition install itself in our region with all the risks connected to it ?



7. Contrary to that of Belvèze, the second quarry is envisaged far from the roads able to accommodate the heavy traffic of its trucks of 40 tons. The network of our small roads around Bouloc is not adapted at all to a traffic of such a weight and such an intensity. The consequence being that the maintenance costs, which are for the account of the Community of Communes of which Bouloc is a member, will be enormous.
8. The only income that Bouloc could have envisaged of the company Rup was a small fraction of its professional tax. The new plans of the French government concerning this tax, associated with the maintenance costs of the roads, can only lead to the aggravation of the financial position of the commune of Bouloc or to a rise of the taxes for the inhabitants.

Let's not accept that private interest prevails over general interest.

For this reason we ask those of our members who are inhabitants, owners of a secondary house or tenants in one of the communes concerned, to act in sympathy in our fight against a quarry at Bouloc. Now it is up to you to take in hand your future and to think of your children, invest time and effort in going to the Town hall of Bouloc where you will find all the help necessary to have your opinion registered. For those who cannot be there in person, do not forget that it is possible to write a letter in order to save Bouloc of an unquestionable decline.

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