



Construction  
& Maintenance

# Construction Challenge

## General Briefing Sheet (Activity 3)

### The Village

Trimswich is a medium-sized quiet village in the middle of the countryside, surrounded by fields and meadows. The nearest town is five miles away. Several cities and large urban areas are within 15-20 miles, and a major link road is 2 miles to the south of the village which links the port to the Midlands.

Farming has, for centuries, been the main occupation for the people who live in the village. The number of people employed by farmers has gone down considerably and the pay has always been low. The other main source of employment is at a large communications company about two miles from the village. Unemployment for 16-25 years olds is fairly high. There are a few older people who came to the village to retire and some of working age who commute daily to the urban areas.

The village does not have a lot of facilities. There are a few shops: a greengrocer, a hardware shop, a very small supermarket, and a newsagent's shop that is also a sub-post office. Most people go to the nearest town for their weekly shopping. The local bus service has been reduced to only a few buses each day, and there is very little to do in the village. Leisure and recreational facilities are virtually non-existent, especially for teenagers and young adults.

### The Developments

A large area of land to the south of the village has been put up for sale. It is being taken out of agricultural use. A number of developers wish to buy the site. The proposed developments are:

- A superstore/hypermarket
- A quarry
- A theme park
- A small industrial park

Local people are naturally concerned about the developments and how each might affect them and the environment.