



*Photo 8 (above) shows the remains of the kilns and the stone bases.*

In 1969, when Banbury Buildings occupied the site, they were demolished. In 1970, during the development of the Banbury Business Park, the Banbury and Cheltenham Branch railway track (in the foreground) was taken up.

The whole area was the subject of a planning application in April 1957 by Dowsett Mineral Recovery Ltd to resume quarrying, along with another area at Bloxham. It was estimated that there remained 1.8 million tons of ore on the site and the company planned to remove it over a period of eight years using lorries to transport it to new railway sidings to be constructed near the calcining kilns. However, this scheme came to nothing [*Thank goodness. Ed.*].

As regards the locomotives, two have been scrapped and two have been preserved after a rather chequered history. One, 'The Doll', has been fully renovated and is used on the Indian Hill narrow gauge railway tourist passenger service in Leighton Buzzard. See Photo 9.