

TEMPLE GUITING PARISH COUNCIL

Response to 21/0084/COMPLI Naunton Quarry Reinstatement and Aftercare Scheme

TGPC has reviewed the documents submitted for the Naunton Quarry Restoration and Aftercare Management Scheme 21/0084/COMPLI and while the proposals outlined in the scheme are welcomed, a number of issues have not been addressed, including:

- There is no reference to testing the water in the basin formed in the main excavation. As this feeds water sources in the surrounding area, a programme to include checks on water quality and prevent contamination should be included.
- Reinstatement proposals for the area of the southern extension are shown in the proposed contours and we assume that the reinstatement is as shown as indicated on drawing 008 but this is not coloured on drawing 001.
- We understand that an additional tree planting scheme in conjunction with GCC has been proposed to help screen the southern extension from local residents. This does not appear to have been included on the drawings.
- The scheme focuses on ensuring that the site meets legal requirements under the Wildlife Act. The Global Cement and Concrete Association Sustainability Guidelines state that '... restoration should go beyond legal requirements' and that 'legal compliance is the minimum requirement'. The Association has developed a methodology for Quarry Rehabilitation Plans and Biodiversity Management Plans which encourage proactive work to help re-establish wildlife, including a set of KPIs which measure improvements in biodiversity over time. These guidelines do not seem to have been used here.
- Over the years the operators of this quarry have instigated and maintained successful bio-diverse rehabilitation plans. It is imperative that this good practice is affirmed and continued within the current proposed scheme."
- Breedon is a member of The Minerals Products Association (MPA), which celebrates the role of quarry sites in creating improved biodiversity after production finishes. It says 'Each restored site is an opportunity to create a better landscape ...'
- The MPA has corporate relationships with six of the major environmental organisations in the UK, all of which could contribute to restoring the quarry to a more biodiverse environment. These include The Bumble Bee Conservation Trust, the Freshwater Habitats Trust, Natural England, the RSPB The Mammal Society, The Bat Conservation Trust and the Wildlife Trusts.

Partnering with these groups, including the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, could deliver a scheme with the potential to be recognised for best practices. The experience gained at Naunton could then be transferred to reinstatement schemes across the cluster of quarries in this part of the Cotswold AONB.