

Comments from Temple Guiting Parish Council regarding Planning Application 19/0032/CWMAJM: Oathill Quarry, Fiddlers Green, Temple Guiting, Gloucestershire, GL54 5SG.

Variation of condition 7 (Exportation of materials) relating to planning consent 14/0101/CWMAJM dated 21/05/2015 to increase the total quantity of mineral export from 50,000 to 100,000 tonnes per annum with the maximum quantity of any single mineral product export increased from 30,000 to 50,000 tonnes per annum

Temple Guiting Parish Council (TGPC) fully supports the general comments and observations made by CCB dated 31 May 2019 with two clarifications:

- Based on the information submitted the cumulative effect of HGV movements on the local road network would be severe and there would have a detrimental effect on the qualities of the local environment, in particular the tranquillity of the area. The negative effects would be felt by residents, visitors and wildlife. As such TGPC objects most strongly to the application.
- We support the need for an EIA covering Oathill and surrounding quarries to understand the cumulative impact multiple quarries in the area have on the local environment and qualities of the AONB. The EIA should then be used to provide a clear basis for future activities either to redress current impacts (if these are found to be excessive) and/or to provide guidance for future activities.

Given the number of quarries and volume of applications from quarries in the area a holistic approach is needed to assess the total impact of HGV movements along the B4077 and Buckle Street, as well as nearby smaller roads used by some HGV drivers. This matter also affects all Parishes through which the B4077 travels.

Specific comments on this application include the following:

- Although production of agricultural lime is not specifically mentioned in the Minerals Plan it is understood that it is formed by crushing rock and is therefore a form of aggregate, although finer. The Minerals Plan, based on the NPPF, clearly states that production of aggregates should be sourced from areas outside AONB's wherever possible. The case for production of lime within the AONB relative to sources outside of the AONB has not been made. Clearly the lime is not for local use.
- The application does not provide details or provide an environmental impact assessment for the production of agricultural lime covering such items as noise, air borne pollutants and transport and hours of operation.
- The application states that the export of lime would not affect the reinstatement proposals but no supporting documentation has been provided for this. Given that the 'waste materials' which the applicant proposes to crush into agricultural lime would have been used for reinstatement, the impact of removing that material from the reinstatement process should be considered.
- The supporting document for highways movements conveniently uses data (table 3.2) from one of the quietest weeks in the year (week starting 6 January 2018) to support the proposed HGV movements rather than using data from peak periods of the year. Traffic to the North uses narrow lanes and local residents have been driven off the lanes by

aggressive HGV driving. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. The noise and distress of large numbers of quarry vehicles is already considerable.

Other comments on HGV movements, including those in Ford, have been noted in the response by the CCB. A further 6 quarry lorry movements per hour (as proposed for 2 months of the year) over and above the existing volume would cause further distress.

- The data provided with the application documents a history of non-compliance for both production and associated HGV movements from this site. This is a retrospective application to regularise a significant increase which was revealed following a monitoring visit by the Planning Authority of Gloucestershire County Council. It would therefore not be unreasonable for a period of demonstrated compliance to be established before any changes to conditions are considered.
- The applicant's commercial negotiations should not be a factor for consideration as part of this application.
- It is a significant concern for residents of this Parish that inadequate enforcement of quarrying activities has resulted in uncontrolled export of materials from Oathill was cited by Cotswold Hill Quarry in its application to remove restrictions on its vehicle movements and volume of material imported. The apparent 'need' for these removals is highly relevant to this application as Cotswold Hill quarry exported materials in excess of those permitted, contributing to a shortage of materials for restoration.

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