**Quarry Stakeholder Report for TGPC meeting on 2 December 2020**

**Summary of Quarry Stakeholder Working Party Activities**

* A follow up Stakeholder Meeting (as held in Toddington) is unlikely to be held until 2021 due to Covid-19.
* TGPC Quarry Stakeholder Working Party has been reviewing historic planning applications to understand cumulative impacts. Active Planning applications include Naunton and Oathill. *(Subsequently a request for Review of Mineral Planning Permission for Guiting Quarry: comments* ***due by 24th December 2020*** *has been received from the MPA dated 3 December 2020)*
* Consistent with the objectives previously set out by TGPC the Working Party is planning to develop a series of short reports to help collate our understanding of current quarrying activities, information needs and the next steps. The reports are planned to cover:
  + Planning
  + Transport
  + Environment
  + Reinstatement
  + Interaction with local communities

The first of these reports will focus on Transport, given the work currently being done by GCC for the Transport Plan.

* GCC Highways carried out Automated Traffic Counts (ATCs) at four locations on the B4077 and Buckle Street in November 2020. The data has been compared with earlier survey data presented in the Oathill Planning application **19/0086/CWMAJM**. Preliminary analysis indicates that:
  + the latest ATC survey (Nov 2020) for daily HGV movements is approx. 40% of the level presented in the Oathill Planning application ATC readings taken in Aug.and Sept. 2019.
  + the pattern of HGV movements on the roads is similar.
  + a 40% figure is consistent with monthly variations presented in the Oathill application where production in November is typically 40% of production rates in August / September based on their data over a number of years.
  + there is therefore a level of consistency between the latest survey data and that presented in **19/0086/CWMAJM**
* The survey data was also compared with the figures presented in the application for Naunton Quarry Southerly Extension **18/0065/CWMAJM.** Figures presented in this application are based on annual averaged production figures and rely on one ATC count from June 2017 on Buckle Street to the South of the B4068. The HGV movements to the North are prefaced by the statement that “it is understood that …” There is a concern that the Application **18/0065/CWMAJM** significantly understates the HGV movements to the North from Naunton Quarry and then along the B4077. TGPC has previously raised concerns about the traffic survey data presented in this application.
* **Speeding:**  Initial assessment of the ATC readings for Nov 2020 indicate continued speeding on the B4077 approach into Ford from Stow-on-the-Wold, despite the 30 mph count down signs. *(Preliminary analysis indicates highest speeds are at night and in the early morning suggesting local drivers hence the recommendation to obtain an ANPR in the budget discussion)*
* The initial focus of the Working Group is to produce the Report on Transport, given the timelines for responses to the GCC Transport Plan and quarry applications.
* The task we have set is daunting and I would like to particularly thank each of the members of the Working Party for their hard work on what is a complex and difficult challenge.

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