

Report from the TGPC Quarry Working Party (QWP): 1 February 2023

Quarries

- **Guiting** (20/0060/TWROMP): Deemed approved 13 Oct 22
- **Three Gates** (22/0035/TWROMP) Still pending
- **Oathill** (19/0086/CWMAJM): Still pending
- **Grange Hill** (22/0067/CWMAJM) Pending: New cutting shed. No reference to existing conditions for site. Potential for HGV movements through Temple Guiting/ Kineton/ Chapel Ash if existing conditions are not applied to the proposed building.
- **Cotswold Hill**: (importation of fill). Repeated incidents of mud on road despite enforcement officer visits and occasional use of road sweeper. Concerns about volume of materials required and permitted importation rates. A request for an enforcement visit is needed.

Environmental Measurement Contract with Hydrock

- **Phase 1**: Measurements completed. Report due end February 2023. Vibration measurements in Ford will be re-done in Phase 2 due to equipment failure.
- **Phase 2**: Scope reviewed and agreed with Hydrock as air quality measurements were not possible in Phase 1 due to the wet weather. The scope will include 90 days continuous air quality measurement and the use of static dust pads at 2 locations with 3 x 14 day measurements. The enhanced measurements will improve the assessment at both sites and has been possible with no increase in cost.
- **Costs and funding**: Total cost for the modified scope of work is unchanged. Sufficient funding is available to fully fund the work held by TGPC and confirmed available by the Acton Group. It assumes VAT recovery by TGPC. Fund raising by the Action Group is continuing.
- Phase 2 will not commence until April 2023 but confirmation is needed by TGPC to secure the availability of the specialised equipment.
- The invoice for Phase 1 - part 1 (mobilisation and measurement) has been received. The invoice for Phase 1 - part 2 (evaluation and reporting) is expected in February.

Traffic counts

- Clarification of recent traffic counts by GCC is still pending. Hydrock have confirmed that they are able to model noise and vibration readings to reflect higher traffic counts seen in March 2022. They will also estimate the number of HGVs that could cause a significant impact based on the readings taken in Phase 1.

Engagement

- TGPC hosted a meeting with local PCs and residents on 26 Jan 2023. It was also attended by GCC Cllr David Gray. Concerns were shared and acknowledged. There was support for a joint letter from PCs across area on what needs to be done. CPRE and CNLB confirmed they would also support a joint letter. A follow up zoom call with the three GCC Cabinet members was held on 30 Jan 2023. They are supportive of a joint letter and points raised across the local communities.
- There is still a need to understand production rates from the cluster of quarries
- An invitation to meet with the new manager for Johnston Group has been received

Cllr Stephen Gower
Chair TGPC Quarry Working Party

Joint meeting with PCs from across the area held on 26 January 2022



What needs to be done?

- Formally recognise the cluster of quarries (area and access routes)
- Assess applications in the context of the cluster
- Set production limit from cluster based on environmental impacts
- Monitor the impacts over time and take additional measures to mitigate adverse impacts
- Collect production data from each of the quarries in cluster but present it as a holistic figure (to preserve commercial confidentiality)
- All quarries in the cluster to have an agreed reinstatement plan and that it is adhered to including minimising the need to import materials from outside of the cluster or between quarries in the cluster.

Concerns expressed by PCs and local residents about recent planning applications and current operations were shared. The meeting agreed that the points in this slide should be included in a joint letter to GCC from PCs from across the area. A letter would also be supported by CNLB and CPRE.

On 30 January 2023 the three GCC Cabinet members (for Highways, Planning and Minerals) also supported a letter from the Parish Councils across the area.

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