

## Quarry Working Party Report: April 2023

### 1. Request for formal recognition of the Cluster of Quarries

Support for the formal recognition currently includes Cotswold National Landscape Board, CPRE, 9 local Parish Councils, GCC County Councillors (including Cabinet members responsible for Highways and Planning), CDC Councillor Richard Keeling and local residents who attended the meeting on 26 January 2023.

The objective is to issue the letter to GCC on 3 April 2023 to allow discussions with GCC to commence. The request will be updated at the end of April 2023 with additional groups and individuals who confirm their support. (Both CDC and TBC have still to confirm their support).

**Actions:** *Issue letter to GCC and notify supporters. QWP to be the point of contact with GCC for the follow-up discussions.*

### 2. Hydrock Contract for Environmental measurements

The agreed scope of work is now fully funded. The report from Phase 1 measurements made in October 2022 is being finalised and is expected in mid. April 2023. The report will be reviewed by the Environmental Health Officers in CDC. Phase 2 work, for dust measurements, is scheduled to start in mid. April 2023, and will continue for approx. 90 days.

**Actions:** *Review Phase 1 report and request review by EHOs in CDC. Work with Hydrock for the Phase 2 measurements.*

### 3. Cotswold Hill

Recent observations by the QWP have identified four areas of concern that need to be raised and investigated by GCC.

- The volume of fill required is much greater than permitted.
- The number of HGV movements are greater than that stated in the Environmental Screening Assessments, prepared by GCC for both Guiting Quarry and Three-Gates Quarry.
- The rockface has been disturbed.
- Despite enforcement visits the site operator has not been proactive with preventing mud from entering the highway (Although work has recently been done to upgrade the wheel wash facilities)

**Actions:** *Notify GCC Planning Officer of our concerns.*

### 4. Mud and debris on road across the cluster of quarries:

The QWP has had a number of discussions with the MPA Enforcement Officer on how best address concerns of local residents and other road users. The QWP is currently exploring how best to involve the HSE Quarrying Inspectorate.

### 5. Quarry applications:

**Oathill Quarry 21/0050/CW73M:** Proposed increase in production of 50,000t from Oathill (concentrated over a two-month period of Aug / Sept). Comments from the applicant to questions asked by GCC have been posted on the GCC website for review by 4 May 2023.

**Actions:** *Review and comment as appropriate*

**Three Gates Quarry (22/0035/CWROMP):** No current update

**Grangehill (22/0067/CWMAJM):** No current update