COLLYWESTON QUARRY

PLANNING APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 30 OF PLANNING PERMISSION EN/97/802C UNDER SECTION 73 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TIME FOR IN-FILLING AND RESTORATION OPERATIONS AT COLLYWESTON QUARRY

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PLANNING SUPPORTING STATEMENT

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This Planning Application, submitted on behalf of Bullimores Sand & Gravel Ltd, is to vary Condition 30 of Planning Permission EN/97/802C under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow for an extension of time for the completion of the in-filling and restoration operations at Collyweston Quarry. Condition 30 of the Planning Permission states:

The development hereby permitted shall cease not later than 31st December 2013 (twenty hundred and thirteen) and the site shall be restored or reinstated in accordance with the conditions of this permission forthwith and shall be left in a clean and tidy condition, provided that if within this period the working of minerals ceases for a period in excess of nine months or the use is discontinued for a like period, the conditions of this permission relating to restoration, rehabilitation and aftercare, shall be carried out forthwith.

1.1.2 This Application is therefore for the variation of Condition 30 to extend the time for the completion of the remaining in-filling and restoration.

1.1.3 In order to access and work the early phases of the proposed western extension it is necessary to use the southern section of the EN/97/802C permission area. It is therefore proposed to extend the time for the remaining in-filling and restoration of this permission for a further 3 years in order to accommodate the early working of the proposed western extension.

1.1.4 In addition to this, a Section 73 application has been submitted for the northern area of the quarry to extend the time for the completion of restoration operations under Planning Permission EN/98/374C.
2 SITE APPRAISAL

2.1 Site Location

2.1.1 The existing quarry lies approximately 500 metres to the east of Duddington village in Northamptonshire (see the site location plan below).

2.1.2 Planning Permission EN/97/802C covers the southern part of Collyweston Quarry and can be seen on the Planning Application Drawing (HPL/COLLY/97) which accompanies this application. Directly to the north is an area of the quarry which was granted permission for the continued extraction of limestone and Collyweston Slate Log in February 1999 (ref. EN/98/374C). Directly to the east is another extension area which was granted permission in November 2006.

2.1.3 The proposal for a quarry extension, which was submitted in August 2013 but subsequently withdrawn, is located on land to the west of the existing quarry and backfill operations.
2.2 Planning History

2.2.1 The site is operated by Bullimores Sand & Gravel Ltd and has been used for the extraction of limestone and Collyweston Slate Log since permission was first granted for mineral extraction at the application site on 14th December 1998 by Northamptonshire County Council. This permission – reference EN/97/802C – provided for the continued extraction of limestone and backfilling of the quarry with inert waste materials.

2.2.2 An eastern extension to the quarry was granted planning permission on 2\textsuperscript{nd} November 2006 – reference EN/06/1279C. This provided for an additional area of extraction with backfilling and restoration facilitated by the importation of inert waste.

2.2.3 An application was submitted in August 2013 for a proposed extension to the west of the existing Collyweston Quarry. This was subsequently withdrawn, however work is currently being undertaken on a revised application.
3 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSALS

3.1.1 The proposed extension of time for in-filling and restoration operations is for a relatively short period of time and will be restored within 3 years to the final contours which were approved in August 2013 and shown on the Proposed Levels Plan (5526-L-03 rev A) and the end uses shown on the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) attached to this application.

3.1.2 Extraction operations in Planning Permission area EN/97/802C are complete and this application for an extension of time is for the remaining in-filling and restoration operations to be completed. Furthermore, in order to commence work in the proposed western extension a small area to the south of Planning Permission area EN/97/802C will be required to access the site and to be used as an operational area. This area can be seen on drawing no. HPL/COLLY/OP. Within 3 years this operational area will be transferred to within the site boundary of the proposed western extension. Currently this southern section is an area for the storage of dust, however this will be regraded to accommodate the operational area. An access to the western extension will be required from the operational area and the proposed location of the access can be seen on drawing no. HPL/COLLY/OP.

3.1.3 In-filling and restoration of the northern section of Planning Permission area EN/97/802C not needed in conjunction with the proposed western extension will continue to be in-filled and restored in line with the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) attached to this application.

3.1.4 The haul road to the western boundary of the site serves the eastern extension (planning permission EN/06/1279C) to Collyweston Quarry and also has the potential to serve the proposed western extension. In regards to the restoration of the haul road required under planning condition 25 of the EN/97/802C consent and condition 26 of the EN/98/374C consent, the haul road is to be retained as part of the planning application for the proposed western extension to be submitted following the preparation of a revised application. Restoration within this small element of the site has the potential to be extended for approximately 15 years, in connection with the proposed western extension to Collyweston Quarry.

3.1.5 This Application does not seek permission to vary any other condition and all future restoration operations on the site will be done in compliance with the conditions set out in the existing consent and to the approved agricultural end uses.
3.1.6 An extension of time of 3 years will enable in-filling and restoration to the permitted contours shown on the Proposed Levels Plan (5526-L-03 rev A) and end uses shown on the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) attached to this application.

3.1.7 Accordingly, consent is sought to vary condition 30 of Planning Permission EN/97/802C as follows:

With the exception of the haul road the site will be restored to the contours shown on the Proposed Levels Plan (5526-L-03 rev A) which was approved in August 2013 and the end uses shown on the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) within 3 years.
4 CONCLUSIONS

4.1.1 Bullimores Sand & Gravel Ltd are applying to Northamptonshire County Council for the variation of Condition 30 of Planning Permission EN/97/802C to extend the time for the remaining in-filling and restoration to be completed for a further 3 years.

4.1.2 The proposed variation to Condition 30 will allow for the working of the early phases of the proposed western extension and for the remaining in-filling and restoration of the site to be fully completed to a high standard.

4.1.3 The proposed extension of time does not envisage any change to the approved restoration scheme for the site, which will be completed to the approved contours shown on the Proposed Levels Plan (5526-L-03 rev A) and the end uses shown on the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) attached to this application.