COLLYWESTON QUARRY

PLANNING APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 1 OF PLANNING PERMISSION EN/98/374C UNDER SECTION 73 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESTORATION OPERATIONS AT COLLYWESTON QUARRY

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 This Planning Application, submitted on behalf of Bullimores Sand & Gravel Ltd, is to vary Condition 1 of Planning Permission EN/98/374C under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow for an extension of time for the completion of restoration operations at Collyweston Quarry. Condition 1 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 1 to extend the time for the restoration to be completed in this area of the quarry until 30th October 2015.

1.1.3 In addition to this, a Section 73 application has been submitted for the southern area of the quarry to extend the time for the completion of in-filling and restoration operations under Planning Permission EN/97/802C.

1.1.4 All extraction and in-filling operations in Planning Permission area EN/98/374C have been completed and this application for an extension of time within the EN/98/374C permission area is for a short period until the restoration of this part of the site has been completed.
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). The site area can be seen on the Planning Application Drawing (HPL/COLLY/98) submitted with this application.

![Site Location Plan](image)

2.1.2 This planning application refers to Planning Permission EN/98/374C, which covers the northern part of Collyweston Quarry shown on the Planning Application Drawing (HPL/COLLY/98) submitted with this planning application. Directly to the south is an extension area to the quarry which was permitted in December 1998. Directly to the east is another extension area which was granted permission in November 2006.

2.1.1 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 by Northamptonshire County Council.

2.2.2 Limestone extraction at Collyweston Quarry has been carried out for a number of decades. Operations have been active since the grant of planning permission by Northamptonshire County Council in the early 1980s. Permission was granted for the extension of limestone quarry and backfilling with inert waste under planning permission reference EN/88/809C. The continuation of inert filling of quarry void was permitted by 92/00434/CRA. On 4th February 1999, permission was granted for an extension in time of planning permission EN/88/809C for continued quarrying operation (Ref: EN/98/374C).

2.2.3 A southern extension to the original quarry was granted planning permission by Northamptonshire County Council on 14th December 1998. This permission – reference EN/97/802C – provided for the continued extraction of limestone and backfilling of the quarry with inert waste materials.

2.2.4 An eastern extension to the quarry was granted planning permission on 2nd 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.

2.2.5 In February 1999 planning permission (Ref: EN/98/374C) was granted to allow for an extension of time of Planning Permission EN/88/809C for continued quarrying operations at the site until 31st December 2013. The Planning Application detailed in this written statement is submitted under the provisions of Section 73 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 (as amended), so as to enable a further period of time until 30th October 2015 for the satisfactory completion of the restoration of the site.

2.2.6 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 restoration operations in Planning Permission area EN/98/374C to be completed is for a relatively short period of time and will be in line with the final contours which were approved in August 2013 and shown on the Proposed Levels Plan (5526-L-03 rev A) attached to this application. The end uses for the site are shown on the Collyweston Overall Landscape Restoration Plan (5526-L-03 rev B) attached to this application.

3.1.2 Extraction and in-filling operations within the Planning Permission area EN/98/374C are complete and the quarry operator has undertaken some regarding during the summer of 2013. Soiling and restoration of the site is at an advanced stage, however additional time is required to complete the restoration works. Due to weather conditions it is proposed to recommence the restoration of the site during spring 2014.

3.1.3 The intention is to complete remaining restoration of Planning Permission area EN/98/374C during spring and summer 2014. However due to potential poor weather conditions, the availability of two summers to complete the restoration works is considered to be suitable.

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 from 31st December 2013 to 30th October 2015 will enable 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.
Accordingly, consent is sought to vary condition 1 of Planning Permission EN/98/374C and could be in line with 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) by 30th October 2015.
4 CONCLUSIONS

4.1.1 Bullimores Sand & Gravel Ltd are applying to Northamptonshire County Council for an extension of time until 30th October 2015 so as to provide for a completion of the existing restoration operations at Collyweston Quarry.

4.1.2 The proposed variation to Condition 1 of the extant planning consent EN/98/374C (which currently expires on 31st December 2013) will enable the remaining restoration of the site to be fully completed to a high standard, as envisaged by the NPPF. This requires a further period of time for operations to be completed, and the existing approved restoration scheme to be fully implemented.

4.1.3 An extension of time from 31st December 2013 to 30th October 2015 will enable 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.
Central Western/ Eastern Site areas
Conserved hedgerow and trees
Proposed hedgerow and trees (Planted or to be planted)
Public Rights of Way (within the site)
Restored Farmland
Proposed Grassland Field Margins
Restored Contours

Central permission boundaries
EN/98/374C (North) & EN/97/802C (South)
Eastern Permission Boundary
EN/86/1279C
Western Application Boundary

KEY:
- Proposed grassland, scrub and woodland edge planting
- Restored farmland
- Planting test beds
- Restored land
- Retained hedgerow and trees
- Public Rights of Way

Duddington
Great Wood

The Assarts

Grassland margin (approx 5-15m) to field edge to incorporate public right of way

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