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Dear Mr Watson,

**Variation of Condition 5 (Consents EN.97.522C and 08/00026/MIN)
Extended operational hours
Wakerley Quarry**

Mick George Ltd are applying to amend condition 5 of both planning consents (Consents EN.97.522C and 08/00026/MIN) which cover the Wakerley Quarry site. This amendment seeks to allow pre-loaded HGVs to leave the quarry from 0600hrs on weekdays (with a noise limit of 42dBA 1 hr LAeq). Such vehicles would have been pre-loaded prior to 1800hrs the previous day (i.e. within the "quarry operational" period).

The current wording of the condition reads

"Operations, excluding blasting and the construction of any soil screening mound, shall be confined to the hours of 07.00 to 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and 07.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays with no works on Sundays, public or bank holidays."

It is now proposed to vary the condition to read: (**Bold** for amendments or insertion, a strikethrough for deletion).

*"Operations, excluding blasting, and the construction of any soil screening mound **and movement of HGVs**, shall be confined to the hours of 07.00 to 18.00 Mondays to Fridays and 07.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays with no works on Sundays, public or bank holidays."*

HGVs movements shall be confined to 0600 to 1800 Monday to Fridays and 07.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays with no works on Sundays, public or bank holidays."

It is confirmed that an assessment of noise impacts of the proposal to allow pre-loaded HGVs to depart from 6am has been prepared to accompany this application to vary the provisions of Condition 5 and is attached to this submission. The noise monitoring was carried out during a trial operating period with a limited number of vehicles on site. The results and observations from this exercise have been used to calculate noise levels from the maximum number of vehicles which could potentially depart during the period prior to 7am. As you are aware, HGVs have been leaving from 6am for a seven week period



and no reports have been received of concerns about this operation thereby confirming the conclusions of the noise report.

The assessment concluded that the vehicles departing would generate low levels of noise within the surrounding villages, with noise levels substantially below a limit which would have the potential to give rise to adverse noise effects. The noise appraisal confirmed that *"The calculations based upon a worst case assumption of 50 vehicles departing indicate noise levels at the surrounding villages at least 7 dB(A) below the limit specified. An assessment against the requirements of the MPPG would therefore conclude that the vehicles would be unlikely to result in adverse noise impacts at the surrounding properties."*

The applications have been submitted today via the planning portal under references PP - 09755051 (Consent 08/0026/MIN) and PP - 09754879 (Consent EN.97.522C)

I trust that all the information required is addressed within this letter and attachment, however, should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

John Gough
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Assessment of Noise from Early Morning HGV Departures – LF Acoustics
Location Plan (Consent 08/00026/MIN) – W4/14/20/01
Location Plan (Consent EN.97.522C) – W4/14/20/02