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Planning Services
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22nd April 2020

Dear Mr Watson,

**Wakerley Quarry
Non-Material Amendment Application – Extended weekday operational hours**

1. In December 2015 planning consent was granted for modern conditions of an existing ROMP for the extraction of minerals at the Wakerley Quarry and Condition 5 of the consent (reference EN.97.522C) restricts limestone extraction operations, to be confined to the hours of 07.00 to 18.00 Monday to Friday and 07.00 to 13.00 Saturdays with no works on Sundays, public or bank holidays.
2. This letter seeks a Non Material Amendment to the consent to vary the operational hours for a temporary period. The Wakerley Quarry is currently receiving unprecedented demand for processed stone which in part may possibly be due to other quarries closing in the region coupled with current major infrastructure projects the Company are serving.
3. Whilst not seeking to extend the period when HGV's access the site, we would ideally like to increase the operational times for the extraction of mineral to maintain processed mineral stockpiles to serve the ongoing demand. We would therefore seek temporary consent to allow mineral extraction to continue ideally until 9pm but as a minimum 8pm.
4. This is not intended to be a permanent variation and initially we would seek consent for a temporary 8 week period. The (Mineral) Planning Practice Guidance offers clear advice as to acceptable noise limits for what is described as the evening period (19.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs) and we would comply with these. The PPG (Minerals - Reference ID:



27-021-20140306) states “Mineral planning authorities should aim to establish a noise limit, through a planning condition, at the noise-sensitive property that.... For operations during the evening (1900-2200) the noise limits should not exceed the background noise level (LA90,1h) by more than 10dB(A) and should not exceed 55dB(A) LAeq, 1h (free field).”

5. Noise monitoring points are already approved around the periphery of the quarry and these will be used to monitor levels during this extended operational period. These properties are:
 - Oak Farm, Wakerley Village
 - Wakerley Church
 - Laxton Hall
 - Town Wood Farm
 - The Bungalows, Shotley

6. The projects listed below are those requiring processed stone deliveries in the immediate future.
 - M1 Smart Motorway (J13 to J16)
 - 186,000 tonnes of processed stone (with immediate effect and ongoing)

 - Magna Park, Lutterworth
 - 40,000 tonnes of processed stone with immediate effect

 - Gedling Access Relief Road
 - 92,000 tonnes of processed stone with immediate effect until the end of 2020

 - University of Leicester
 - 8,500 tonnes of processed stone from mid May

7. The above are contracting projects that are being undertaken by Mick George Ltd, but is additionally supplying other smaller projects in Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.

8. The construction industry has been identified as “essential” by central government subject to achieving social distancing measure and the Company is endeavouring to aid many construction and major infrastructure projects.



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9. We trust the above application can be considered as a matter of urgency. If it is not consented than the intensity of operations during the current working day may have to be increased.
10. Given the circumstances the application has been submitted and payment processed via the planning portal (ref PP-08669093) and a hard copy will not be sent on this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

John Gough
Planning Director

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Application Pro-forma

