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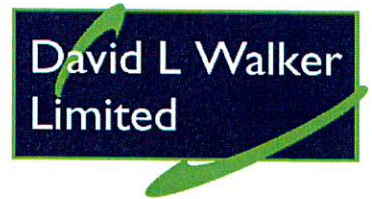
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Dear Mr Szymanski

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)
Planning Application to vary Condition 2 of Planning Consent
12/00025/MIN dated 22 June 2012 at Passenham Quarry - On Behalf of
GRS Roadstone Limited**

1. GRS Roadstone Limited are the owner and operators of the sand and gravel quarry at Passenham ("the site").
2. The site benefits from three planning consents, one of which (consent ref 12/00025/MIN) is for the retention of the access roadway and bailey bridges that support the processing facilities in relation to the sand and gravel extraction activities at Passenham Quarry ("the consent").
3. The consent was originally granted in 2001 under ref: SN/05/560C. The grant of consent allowed for the haulage of as raised sand and gravel from extraction phases situated east of the Great River Ouse, to access the plant site situated in the west of the site. This relationship is shown on the site and location plans attached to this letter.
4. The consent was granted subject to 16 conditions, one of which, Condition 2 provides for a cessation date which at the time of the variation in 2012 was correct.
5. Condition 2 states:

"The development hereby permitted shall cease not later than 31 May 2017 and the land shall be restored in accordance with details to be approved by the MPA under condition 16 of this planning permission. If the working of minerals ceases for a period in excess of nine months or the extraction permitted in Milton Keynes under planning permission 04/02194/MIN (and any subsequent variations thereof) ceases for a like period, a revised timetable for the restoration, rehabilitation and aftercare of the site shall be submitted to the MPA for agreement in writing. This agreed timetable shall be implemented."
6. As highlighted above the site also has the benefit of a planning consent (ref 12/000786/MIN) with Milton Keynes Council for an extension to the east of the Great River Ouse. The extraction operations in this area are complete and the phases are undergoing their final signs of restoration.



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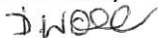
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7. However the site also has the benefit of a further potential extension area situated east of the current extension that has been identified as a preferred area for mineral extraction under the emerging Milton Keynes Minerals Local Plan. Furthermore GRS have prepared and submitted a planning application to secure planning consent for the same area (see site plan attached). This has been validated by Milton Keynes Council and designated the case ref No of 17/01267/MIN.
8. The application envisages a three year period to recover the estimated 150,000 tonnes of sand and gravel and import the estimated 90,000m³ of inert restoration materials required to secure a beneficial restoration for the proposed extension area. Both the as raised sand and gravel and the imported restoration materials will need to be transported across the site using the access road and Bailey Bridge infrastructure regulated under planning consent 12/00025/MIN.
9. It is anticipated that extraction operations in the next extension area (assuming a satisfactory consent is forthcoming) in will commence Spring 2018. This application seeks the retention of the access road and Bailey Bridges for a further four years until 31 May 2021 to allow for the securing of the planning consent along with the implementation and completion of the working and restoration schemes for the extension area.
10. In this regard please find enclosed a planning application (also submitted via the planning portal re PP 06060923) comprising:
 - completed forms inc Certificate A;
 - Location Plan and Site Plan
11. The current planning consent includes a number of environmental protection conditions which are not proposed to be varied as part of this planning application and would therefore proposed to be retained for the duration of operations on site, consistent with local planning policy.
12. The infrastructure regulated under consent 12/00025/MIN is ancillary in support of the wider operations at the site and fundamental to the successful recovery of the minerals in the extension area would in effect be sterilised which would be contrary to planning policy.
13. We trust this is satisfactory; however should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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 Plans

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