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FAO: Mr Dan Szymanski

Dear Sir,

**Section 73 Planning Applications: Planning Permission 13/00118/MINVOC;  
07/00011/MIN; 07/00012/MIN Pury End Quarry and Landfill, Pury End.**

Please find enclosed our three requests to extend the time limiting conditions on each of the above mentioned respective planning permissions currently extant at Pury End Quarry, under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The application comprises the three completed forms and certificates for each planning permission, this covering letter, and three cheques to the value of £234 each in payment of the application fee.

The planning application seeks an amendment to the following:-

| <b>Permission Number</b> | <b>Condition Number</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 13/00118/MINVOC          | 7                       |
| 07/00011/MIN             | 22                      |
| 07/00012/MIN             | 21                      |

Each condition requires the completion date of the existing permitted developments to be 31 December 2018. It is apparent this date unrealistic and D.A. Bird Ltd wish to extend the completion date for a further 18 months on each existing permission [30 June 2020]. The reason behind this extension is due to the recession from 2008-2013 causing a severe decline in the demand for natural stone.

Without the proposed three extensions in time to complete the existing mineral extraction and infill areas (and the associated stone processing building), it would have the following implications for the quarry:

- Not being able to extract the remaining limestone from the last part of the extraction area;
- Not being able to process and cut the remaining limestone for use as building stone;
- Potential difficulty in importing a sufficient amount of good quality infill material to complete the restoration to the required levels and landform;

We wish to point out that much of the remaining stone has been exposed, ready for processing. Being required to complete the site restoration by the end of this year would therefore result in the potential sterilisation of valuable building stone (and limestone aggregate) which would be contrary to the aims of Policies 3, 6 and 7 of the Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan (July 2017). There is already an established local market for this stone, as required by Policy 3 of the MWLP. It is considered that causing the remaining mineral to be sterilised would not be in accordance with the sustainable development requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework, and would be contrary to some aspects of the Policies set out in Chapter 13 of the NPPF (e.g. the 'great weight' to be given to mineral extraction, the importance given to local building stone quarries in supplying materials for the potential repair of heritage assets).

In addition to the above, it is worthy of note that the company will be shortly commissioning the preparation of a planning application for a sizeable part of the adjoining Site Allocation M7 (designated in the Northamptonshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan (July 2017)). It is important for the business to maintain a continuity of operations between the existing and proposed extraction area, and furthermore, it is likely that some of the existing quarry area will be needed in some way, to access the allocated area. However, these details are yet to be finalised. The proposed extension in time would allow such matters to be finalised and form part of any new planning application for Site Allocation M7.

Yours Faithfully,



Tony Bird  
(Director)