



Minutes of the Mortimer Quarry liaison committee meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2017 at the Mortimer West End Village Hall

**Present:**

**Englefield Estate**

Richard Edwards (RE)

**Mortimer West End Parish Council**

Jonathan Bray (JB)

**Hampshire County Council**

David Smith (DS)

**Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council**

Councillor Roger Gardiner (RG)

**Hills Quarry Products**

Peter Andrew (PA)

Andrew Liddle (AL)

**The Hills Group Ltd**

Monique Hayes (MH)

		<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>  PA welcomed committee members and explained the purposed of the committee and invited each member to introduce themselves.	
2.	<b>Confirmation of committee Terms of Reference</b>  Committee members confirmed they had all received a copy of the Terms of Reference and had no questions in relation to them.	
3.	<b>Election of chairperson</b>  DS advised that it was customary for the representative County Councillor to be nominated as chairperson. MH to confirm with Cllr Rhydian Vaughan (RV) (absent from this meeting) if he was willing to accept the nomination. <i>(Note: Cllr Vaughan has accepted nomination).</i>	MH / RV
4.	<b>Apologies</b>  The following apologies were received: Edward Crookes; Cllr Rhydian Vaughan; Jim Burgin	
5.	<b>Update on current site status and existing planning permission</b>  DS gave a brief outline of the existing planning permission and confirmed that statutory consultees who had been consulted regarding preparatory works on site were now all in agreement for these to go ahead.	

	<p>DS confirmed that the scheme fits well into the local Minerals Plan and the reserves have been included in tonnages for the county.</p> <p>PA confirmed that the design of the site is as per the original planning permission.</p> <p>A leaflet giving a summary of the location, phasing and overall proposals for the site was tabled for reference and members were advised that details could also be found on the website : <a href="http://www.mortimerquarry.co.uk">www.mortimerquarry.co.uk</a></p>	
6.	<p><b>Update on programme of works for period September 2017–June 2018</b></p> <p>AL advised on the programme of works including:</p> <p><u>September / October 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Ecological monitoring and mitigation measures underway on Phase 1 area</li> <li>· Undertake resurfacing works to Englefield Forest estate office access</li> <li>· SSE to undertake cable works on 18 /19 October, which will be followed by clearance of sections of woodland for installation of cable towers</li> <li>· Agree gantry construction details with Hampshire County Council</li> </ul> <p><u>November / December 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Installation of gantry including temporary closure of road</li> <li>· Earthmoving works to commence on Phase 1</li> </ul> <p><u>November 2017 - March 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Preparation of Phase 2 and remainder of Phase 1 areas, tree felling and de-stumping</li> </ul> <p><u>January 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Install field conveyors at either end of gantry</li> <li>· Reconnect services—BT, water, electricity</li> <li>· Commence refurbishment of washing plant, installation of new sand plant and associated equipment, and refurbishment of office units</li> <li>· Recommissioning of weighbridge</li> <li>· Soil stripping of Phase 1 and archaeological investigation</li> </ul> <p><u>March / April 2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Mineral extraction commences</li> <li>· Commissioning of the plant</li> </ul> <p><u>Winter 2018</u></p> <p>Soil stripping of Phase 2 to commence</p> <p>AL reported on the vandalism that had taken place at the offices and the working plant and gave details on improvements that will need to be undertaken.</p> <p>PA advised that conveyors would be used to transport the material across the site in place of dumper trucks as this will make the site quieter with less dust and confirmed that these will be put in place from Phase 1.</p>	

7.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><u>Restoration of Southern Extension</u>  JB enquired as to the long term plans for the site. AL advised that no landfilling will take place on the site, a low level restoration will be undertaken and this will be phased to follow extraction.</p> <p>RG suggested that Hills should make contact with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, RG to provide contact details.</p> <p><u>Future site visit</u>  PA confirmed that a site visit will be arranged for committee members in early 2018.</p> <p><u>Restoration at Eastern Reserves North</u>  PA advised that Hanson is responsible for attending to the restoration works in the area referred to as Eastern Reserves North in the near future, and that this area is outside of Hills' remit.</p> <p><u>Recruitment</u>  AL advised that Hills is currently recruiting for a quarry manager for the site and will also be recruiting for other employees in early 2018. Details are published on the Mortimer Quarry website or email <a href="mailto:enquiries@mortimerquarry.co.uk">enquiries@mortimerquarry.co.uk</a></p> <p><u>Queries</u>  PA requested members to contact Hills via the website, or email if they had any queries or required further information.</p>	<p>RG</p> <p>HILLS</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at the Mortimer West End Village Hall from 16.00.</p>	