



Minutes of the Mortimer Quarry liaison committee meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Mortimer Quarry Offices

**Present:**

**Englefield Estate**

Richard Edwards (RE)

**Mortimer West End Parish Council**

Jonathan Bray (JB)

**Hampshire County Council**

Councillor Rhydian Vaughan (RV)

**Hills Quarry Products**

Andrew Liddle (AL)

		<b>Actions</b>
1.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	
2.	<b>Apologies:</b>  Received from David Smith, Cllr Roger Gardiner, Monique Hayes, Peter Andrew, Edward Crookes	
3.	<b>Update on current site status and existing planning permission:</b>  AL advised that currently the site was processing the more difficult materials, compounded by winter months and wet material, which is giving the operational staff a few challenges to overcome. The upper terrace gravels are the dirtiest of the gravel deposits in the Thames series, which gives us greater processing difficulties when the material becomes saturated due to the weather and becomes stickier. The plant is performing well and despite the feed material is producing a good clean product of 20mm, 10mm and 0/4mm sand.  Planning –  DS sent his comments by email: “I did not have much to say, other than to highlight that the bagging plant is now fully operational and that there is a requirement for tree planting along the screening bund alongside the highway which, I understand, the Estate will be doing this coming planting season. I inspected the site in December as part of our routine monitoring programme, and no issues were raised. Also, we have received no complaints since the quarry re-opened. My next routing visit will be in March.”	
4.	<b>Update on programme of works:</b>	

	<p>AL tabled a plan for the coming year, MQ-100-S03 Phasing [Jan 2019] showing the area highlighted in 'blue' which is the area of extraction we will be concentrating on and which has been cleared of ecology and archaeology last year.</p> <p>There will be further de-stumping works over the coming year, along with ecological and archaeological investigations in the remainder of Phase 1 &amp; 2.</p> <p>The area highlighted 'green' is the first area we hope to have restored by the end of the year, which we will use as a test area with the Englefield Estate to develop the restoration methodology to get the maximum success out of the replanting.</p> <p>RE explained that the restoration of the areas will result in a more diverse woodland, with a wider range of tree species than is currently growing on the area.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p><u>Apprenticeships</u> AL highlighted ongoing commitment to attract young individuals into the industry; Hills are attending an apprenticeship event at Maiden Erleigh School on the 5<sup>th</sup> February to promote the industry. Also through the coming year the site will hope to host some school visits which were discussed after the open day event in September.</p> <p><u>Site Safety</u> AL explained that despite the installation of CCTV system, trespassers continue to enter the site and a spate of thefts and damage to property have occurred.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019</p>	