Hills Quarry Products Ltd.



Mortimer Quarry Liaison Committee.

Minutes of Meeting held on 27th October 2022 held at the Mortimer Quarry office.

Present:

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire County Council Mineral Planning Officer

Mortimer West End Parish Council

Englefield Estate

Hills Quarry Products Ltd

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan [RV]

Dave Smith [DS] Kevin Cross [KC] Richard Edwards [RE]

Andrew J. Liddle [AL]

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Hills Quarry Products Ltd Hills Quarry Products Ltd Dave Smith [DS]

Cllr Rhydian Vaughan [RV]

Kevin Cross [KC]

Cllr Nick Robinson [NR]

Jim Burgin [JB] Edward Crookes [EC] Richard Edwards [RE] Andrew J. Liddle [AL] Monique Haves [MH]

Minutes from Previous Meeting: 1. Minutes approved from April 2022.

2. **Apologies:**

Apologies received from Edward Crookes.

Site Development Report: (plan attached) 3.

AL - the development has continued to progress, despite the challenges over the last year with one of the driest periods and drought conditions. Production has been limited due to the lack of water to operate, which has slowed the progression of the quarry to the west, and we are still operating in Phase 1a and 2a.

AL - ecological investigation recommenced April, but there were insufficient suitable days of capture and relocation to get the whole of Phases 1c, 2b and 2c cleared of reptiles before the weather turned and they started to hibernate. The search was paused, and they ecologist are due back in April/May 2023 to clear the remaining part of Areas 2B/C to the west.

AL - Water is still an ever present issue and now all the mineral is exhausted from Area 1A the area will be prepared to become the new silt management area, hopefully created in spring 2023.

AL - Sales volumes of aggregate have been reasonable, especially now the bagging operation is running, only reduced due to not being able to run the plant.

[DS] - The site continues to be monitored 3 - 4 times per year by HCC - no nuisance issues have been raised.

4. Programme:

AL - the extraction of mineral will now continue to the west, once reptile capture is completed. The southern part of Phase 2a has been exhausted and soils have been placed, but further works are required before spring 2023. This will allow the southern section to be replanted as quickly as possible and the intention would be to use the area as an experiment to get the ground conditions correct and the planting scheme to be established for the remaining site.

RE - asked for the current footpath fencing to remain as deer control to protect the new planting area.

An application will need to be made for a temporary diversion to the footpath running north-south between Areas 2B and 3 to facilitate the installation of a concrete culvert which will allow the conveyor to pass underneath. AL requested DS to advise who is the Rights of Way officer to start discussions with at Hampshire CC.

5. AOB:

No issues raised at the time.

AL -with an open invitation for a site visit should they wish to see the operation in more detail at any time.

6. Date of next meeting:

It was agreed to look at the date of the next meeting to be Friday 21st April 2023 - 15:00. A 'Save the Date' reminder will be sent out to all at the end of March.



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