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Your ref: 50824/02

Dear Sir

**SCOPING OPINION - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
THEWLIS LANE QUARRY, CROSLAND HILL HUDDERSFIELD
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017**

With reference to your recent request to Kirklees Council for a scoping opinion in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 with regard to the above site. Please find attached the Council's response.

If you would like to discuss this matter further or you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

D. Wordsworth

David Wordsworth
Team leader

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On the 7 February 2019 Kirklees Council received a request from Litchfields on behalf of Johnsons Wellfield limited to provide a formal scoping opinion in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as to what information should be submitted as part of an Environmental Statement (ES) to support a planning application for the removal of condition 18 of planning permission 2013/62/90793/W0.

Planning Condition 18 of the said planning permission prohibits the use of crushing and screening equipment within the quarry to process mineral and states:

18) No crushing or screening operations including the use of mobile plant shall take place on the application site.

Reason: *To safeguard the amenities of nearby residents and to accord with Unitary Development Plan Policies EP6 and M3 and Sections 11 and 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework*

You have indicated that a subsequent planning application to remove this condition would be supported by a noise assessment and this will take the form of an update to the original ES which supported planning application 2013/62/90793/W0. This approach is suggested on the basis that it is considered that no other circumstances which the original ES considered have changed since the aforementioned planning permission was issued on 29 January 2014.

In support of your request you have submitted a report which details the reasoning behind your proposed approach by addressing specific headings. I would comment on the supporting text included under each of these headings as follows:

1. Description of the site and surroundings – Agreed
2. Description of the proposed development - Agreed
3. Consideration of Environmental Issues including topics to be scoped in and topics to be scoped out – Agreed, but I would draw your attention to the Kirklees Local Plan which is now the district's adopted development plan and replaces the former Unitary Development Plan. Consequently a supporting ES should not now consider former UDP policies.

4. Proposed form of the Environmental Statement – Your proposed methodological approach and ES structure are considered to be acceptable.

I therefore confirm that the Council agrees with your approach with regard to the scope of an ES to support an application to remove condition 18 of planning permission 2013/90793 which could then allow the use of crushing and screening plant within the quarry to facilitate site restoration. This letter represents the Council's formal scoping opinion with regard to the proposal detailed in your letter of 7 February 2019.

Date:

Signed

D. Wordsworth

David Wordsworth
(Team Leader)