

**Consultation Response from KC,
Highways Development Management**

2024/91949 Ox Lee Quarry, Bedding Edge Road, Hepworth, Holmfirth

Variation of condition 3 (period of operation) of previous permission 2013/92388 for variation of conditions 1 (plans), 3 (completion date) of previous permission 2002/90368 for variation of conditions 1, 15, 17, 49, 53 and 60 relating to the stripping of soils in advance of development and the deposition of soils during restoration of the site of previous permission 88/62/06371/W0 for extraction of pipe clay, site access, landscaping and site reinstatement

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Responding Officer: CNB

Responding Ref: K12-11/2

This is a Variation of Conditions application relating to the variation of condition 3 (period of operation) of previous permission 13/92388 relating to the extension of time for quarrying at an existing quarry with an access on to Bedding Edge Road.

The proposals are to extend the time allowed for quarrying at the site for an additional three years with mineral extraction continuing until the end of October 2027 and restoration complete by end October 2028.

The site is accessed off Bedding Edge Road, using the existing access, which is constructed to a high standard and provides good visibility in both directions. Within the site, the access road runs in a northerly direction towards the working area.

The site previously worked on a campaign basis where clay is extracted on a 10 to 12 week period through the spring and summer months. It is envisaged that extraction rates and therefore traffic generation will remain similar to existing. Clay extracted from the quarry is transported from the site via Bedding Edge Road and Sheffield Road (A616) for processing at the Hazlehead Works at Crow Edge a journey of around 2.5km. Current operations appear to operate without undue problems and it is considered that the proposal will have no additional impact on highway safety or operation of the local highway network.

We would request that the original highway condition 6, 7 and 8 of approval 2002/90368 for the site is repeated in order to retain a safe access, maintain wheel washing facilities to avoid vehicles dragging mud and debris on to the adopted highway and ensure all loads are covered for road safety reasons.

Previously there was a concern that workings at the quarry were causing runoff water that was causing flooding of the adjacent bridleway Hol/154/10. A brief informal consultation with the Kirklees PROW team suggested that the issues may have been resolved during the intervening years, however they will investigate and provide a clearer response as soon as possible. If the PROW concerns have not been sufficiently resolved, then they should be addressed by the applicant.

With this we consider the application to be acceptable on highways grounds with the following retained conditions.

Retained Existing Highway Conditions:

6) The sole means of vehicular access and egress from the site to a highway shall be as indicated on approved plan.

7) All vehicles leaving the site shall be thoroughly cleansed of mud as necessary before entering the public highway.

8) Except as may be otherwise agreed in writing by the Minerals Planning Authority the loads of all vehicles leaving the site shall be fully covered by sheeting.