

# OX LEE QUARRY, BEDDING EDGE ROAD, HEPWORTH

## SECTION 73 APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 of PLANNING PERMISSION 2013/70/92388/W0 FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A FURTHER 3 YEARS FOR EXTRACTION AND RESTORATION



### SUPPORTING STATEMENT (ADDENDUM)



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## 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Silkstone Environmental Ltd has prepared this supporting statement (Addendum), on behalf of Wavin Ltd as part of a Section 73 planning application under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to be submitted in relation to Ox Lee Quarry, Bedding Edge Road, Hepworth, Huddersfield.
- 1.2 The quarry is owned and operated by Wavin Ltd and is associated with clay mineral extraction used for the manufacture of clayware products. Wavin is also a leading supplier of water management, plumbing and drainage systems for the Building, Construction and Utilities markets.
- 1.3 Ox Lee Quarry is currently permitted under planning permission 2013/70/92388/W0 granted on the 13th December 2013. The current permission states that the extraction of all minerals shall be completed by 31st October 2024 and the site fully restored by 31st October 2025. Operations are currently in Cut 3 of the 12 planning permitted cuts.
- 1.4 The site has historically been worked for clay and shale for the manufacture of vitrified clay pipes and is to be restored back to a mixture of pasture, woodland and wetland areas.
- 1.5 This addendum specifically relates to the queries raised by the Planning Authority to the submitted restoration scheme, Ref 21123/103 which proposed a low level scheme and this was not considered appropriate therefore a revised plan is submitted with this addendum.
- 1.6 Also, although the clays and shales within the quarry have not recently been required as part of the blend for pipe manufacture at the Hazelhead Works site, the operators are seeking an extension of time to keep the application live for commercial reasons as circumstances may dictate a requirement to recommence working the site. If this were to be the case, dependent on the volume of clays required, a subsequent planning application would be submitted for a further extension of time accompanied by the required technical reports.
- 1.7 A revised scheme is now proposed using all the existing stored overburden to infill the existing quarry void and the stored topsoils and subsoils replaced.
- 1.8 The volume of materials which are stored on site to be reinstated in the revised restoration scheme, Ref 21123/103 (Rev C) are as follows:
- 1.9 The volume of materials identified stored on site from the mineral extraction works undertaken on site are as follows:
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| Topsoil:   | 12,284 m <sup>3</sup> (cubic metres) |
| Subsoil:   | 18,032 m <sup>3</sup>                |
| Overburden | 87,114 m <sup>3</sup>                |
- 1.10 An additional 0.75 Hectares of high canopy woodland has been added to the scheme. The access track has also been removed and soils stored along the

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edges will be replaced along with the section of tarmaced road from Bedding Edge Road as required by planning conditions 3 & 4.

- 1.11 A new drainage ditch has been included to the north which would intercept any potential sediment run off during overburden and soils removal towards the settlement ponds, prior to discharge into the adjacent watercourse. This is included due to concerns raised in the pre-application response by KC LLFA.
- 1.12 It is also proposed to keep the lagoon system in place for drainage purposes as they act as a filter mechanism for ochres water discharge from the coal seams within the site. Also, they have ecological value and contain reed beds which assist with the filtering system prior to final discharge into an adjacent watercourse.
- 1.13 The new area of wetland proposed to the north will be sustained by groundwater drainage from fields to the south which naturally fall towards this area.
- 1.14 As only 3 cuts out of an approved 12 have been extracted, the area to the east which is undisturbed is to remain so.
- 1.15 A cross section plan is also provided Ref 21123/104 (rev A) showing the extent of the void that will be filled by the overburden and soils that are currently in storage.

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