

Consultation Response from KC, Highways Development Management
2025/92070 Johnsons Wellfield Quarries Ltd, Thewlis Lane, Crosland Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 7AB
Variation of conditions 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 25, 28, 54 on previous permission 2015/90640 for variation of condition 12 (basal siltstones) on previous permission 2009/93289 for extension of mineral working with restoration and demolition and subsequent reinstatement of dwelling and adjacent buildings
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This is a variation of conditions application for the extension of mineral working and restoration of an existing quarry workings.

The proposals are to extend the working life of the quarry from Dec 2025 to Dec 2040, an extension of 15 years to allow for additional quarrying of mineral deposits and infill/restoration with inert waste brought into the site.

The conditions that appear to have highways implications are 1, 7, 11 and 16.

Condition 1

This is to extend the operation of the quarry until December 2040, an increase of operational use of 15 years. This would extend the use of the site and accordingly the use of the surrounding highway network for quarry traffic for a further 15 years.

Due to this extraordinary additional use of the highway we would request that a maintenance amount of £25,000 per annum (index linked) is paid to Kirklees Highways as the Local Highway Authority for additional maintenance on the local highway network for the additional wear caused by the extension of time of use of the quarry, the additional mineral being removed and the trips generated by inert waste used for the infill. This should be added to a s106 agreement with the council.

Condition 7

The main change with this condition is the area plans to be referred to within the condition, although this will not have a direct impact on highways, the condition will retain the original limits on the volume of mineral/infill that can be carried from/to the whole quarry site within the ownership of the applicant, as shown in drawing "Plan 1", of 2,500 tonnes per day. This equates to approximately 140 trips per day based on 18 tonne loads. This will mean that no additional trips will be made above this previously agreed limit, although this limit will be extended for a further 15 years.

Condition 11

This will change the amount of mineral extraction allowed at the quarry from 20% to 50%, this will mean that additional innate waste will be required for the infill, however in line with condition 7, the daily volumes of materials that can be carried from/to the site will be maintained at 2,500 tonnes per day.

Condition 16

This change is to allow the infill of the quarry to be done partially with inert waste rather than exclusively from quarry generated waste. Some of this infill will be diverted from the Waterholes Quarry that is based on the same site. Again the limit of 2,500 tonnes transported to or from the wider quarry site as shown in drawing "Plan 1" will be retained.

With this we consider the application to be acceptable on highways grounds with the s106 commuted sum payment of £25,000 per annum (index linked) for future maintenance of the surrounding highways due to the extended use of the quarry and the extraordinary increase in HGV trips for the extended period.