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Our Ref: SCE.188/ES.14/13/502 M

20 January 2015

Dear Mr Shaw,

PROPOSAL: MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING PERMISSION ES.12/04/502 M - THE VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 23 AND 25 TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF CRUSHED STONE DUST AT BARTON QUARRY
[THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING \(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT\) REGULATIONS 2011: REGULATION 7 – SCREENING OPINION](#)

I refer to the application (ref. [ES.14/13/502 M](#)) and the regulations referred to above.

In accordance with the regulations the County Council is required to adopt a “Screening Opinion” to establish whether the submitted application should be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The County Council has considered the information you supplied and is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the description provided within Schedule 2 paragraph 13(a) to the above regulations, but in the opinion of the County Council, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above regulations and the '[Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects](#)' (version 6/3/14), the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location. Further details are provided in the attached 'Screening Opinion Checklist'.

Under the powers contained in the 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers', this letter therefore confirms that the County Council is of the opinion that the proposed development **is not EIA development** and need not be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Yours sincerely

Alfia Cox
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Encl – Screening Opinion Checklist



Screening Opinion Checklist Case Officer: Alfia Cox Date: 20 January 2015

PA/PAD No. SCE.188/502 M		Site / Location: Barton Quarry, off Walton Lane, Barton-under-Needwood			
Description of development: Minor material amendment to planning permission ES.12/04/502 M - the variation of conditions 23 and 25 to allow the importation of crushed stone dust					
PART 1 - Is a Screening Opinion Required? (ref: EIA Regulations 2011, and Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects)				Yes	No
1	Development Description	<p>Do you have enough information to define the size and type of development (a plan, description of type/nature/ purpose and possible effects)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (proceed to step 2) (Application ref. ES.14/13/502 M) • No - either take the precautionary principle and assume the worst case or, request more information confirming 3 week deadline not commence until received; <p>**Note - Changes or extensions may also need an EIA! (Schedule 2, category 13)</p>		YES	
2	Is it a Schedule 1 development?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes/No (explain) YES – The development is category..... and a screening opinion is not required as an EIA mandatory! NO – If the development is not listed in Schedule 1 it may be listed in Schedule 2 (proceed to step 3) 			NO
3	Is it a Schedule 2 development? (Schedule 2, Col 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes/No (explain) • YES - The development falls/could fall within category 13(a) (proceed to step 4) • NO – If the development is not listed in Schedule 2 a screening opinion is not required and EIA not required! 		YES	
4	4(a) Does the development fall within the absolute threshold/criteria? (Schedule 2, Col 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes/No – (explain) This is a change to an EIA Development (Schedule 1 (19)) and the threshold/criteria is Schedule 2 (13)(a)(ii) which refers to Schedule 1 (19) which in turn refers to Schedule 2 (2)(a) which in term refers to “all development except the construction of buildings or other ancillary structures ...” In this case the development is for importation of crushed stone dust 		YES	
	4(b) Is the proposal within/near to a ‘sensitive area’? (e.g. SSSI, NP, AONB, SAC, RAMSAR, Scheduled Monument)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes/No – (explain) YES – The development falls within/near to the following designated site(s) within 250 metres from SAC and SSSI 		YES	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have answered ‘Yes’ to the threshold/criteria a screening opinion is required – proceed to Part 2 • If you have answered ‘No’ to the threshold/criteria and the development is within/near a sensitive area a screening opinion is required – proceed to Part 2 • If you have answered ‘No’ to the threshold/criteria and the development is not within/near a sensitive area a screening opinion is not required. 			
5	Conclusion	Screening opinion required?		YES	

PART 2 – Is an EIA Required? (ref: [Schedule 3 - EIA Regulations 2011](#) and [Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects](#))

EIA usually required for (i) major developments of more than local importance; (ii) development in particularly environmentally sensitive or vulnerable locations; (iii) developments with unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects. This checklist should be used to determine whether significant effects are likely to arise from the development. **REMEMBER** – the Regs also apply to changes to EIA development and reserved matters / subsequent approvals

1	Indicative thresholds/criteria	Does the development fall within the indicative thresholds/criteria? (see Indicative screening thresholds)	<p>The threshold/criteria cited in the National Planning Practice Guidance (Considering and determining planning application that have been subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment, Annex Indicative Screening Thresholds) states that for:</p> <p>This is a change to an EIA Development (Schedule 1 (19)) and the threshold/criteria is Schedule 2 (13)(a)(ii) which refers to Schedule 1 (19) which in turn refers to Schedule 2 (2)(a) which in term refers to “all development except the construction of buildings or other ancillary structures ...”</p> <p>In this case the development is for importation of crushed stone dust to an existing 295.4 ha quarry and the proposals would occupy around 2,400 m² of land.</p> <p>The latest guidance contained in Planning Practice Guidance: The likelihood of significant effects will tend to depend on the scale and duration of the works, and the likely consequent impact of noise, dust, discharges to water and visual intrusion. All new open cast mines and underground mines will generally require EIA. For clay, sand and gravel workings, quarries and peat extraction sites, EIA is more likely to be required if they would cover more than 15 hectares or involve the extraction of more than 30,000 tonnes of mineral per year.</p>
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2	Characteristic of the development:	Size of the development:	<p>In this case, the quarry is already permitted and was subject to an ES (ref. ES.4079/16 M dated 6/02/2007).</p> <p>It is proposed to import up to 50,000 tonnes per annum of crushed rock fines to blend with a similar amount of indigenous sand. The equipment to be utilised is an existing blending plant measuring about 6.8m in height and an additional stockpile area storing the blended products and imported materials, which would not exceed the height of the existing stockpiles and would be less than the height of the blending plant</p>
		Cumulation with other developments	Having regard to the ES and supporting supplementary planning statement provided with the original application (ref. ES.4079/16 M); the letter accompanying this application; a topographical survey showing the extent of the working that has already taking place in the area; and given the nature of the proposed operations, it is not anticipated that there would be any significant additional environmental effects that have not already been taken into account.
		Use of natural resources	minimal
		Production of waste	minimal
		Pollution and nuisances	Similar to existing
		Risk of accidents	possible
3	Location of the development (the environmental sensitivity of area likely to be affected):	Existing land use (<i>include past, present and future (allocated land)</i>)	Sand and gravel quarry
		Relative abundance, quality, regenerative capacity of natural resources	The site would be restored in accordance with the extant mineral permission
		Absorption capacity of natural environment (particularly wetlands, nature reserves/parks; SSSIs and international designations; areas where environmental quality standards have been exceeded; densely populated areas; landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance).	Similar operations to those already taking place.
4	Characteristics of	Extent of the impact (area and size of affected population)	Can be controlled

	the potential impact	The magnitude and complexity of the impact		Small	
		The probability of the impact		Small, easily mitigated	
		The duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact		Temporary	
5	Can the significant effects be addressed by proposed mitigation measures?	Are the mitigation measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modest in scope • Plainly and easily achievable 		It is anticipated that the environmental effects can be controlled by planning conditions that are similar if not the same as the extant permission, subject to appropriate variations where necessary	
6	Conclusion	ES required?		NO	
	Signed and dated	Case Officer	Alfia Cox 7/1/2015	Team Leader/Team Manager	Mike Grundy 8/1/15