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Dear Mr Shields

KEARTON FARMS LIMITED – SECTION 73 APPLICATIONS TO VARY THE WORKING HOURS AT KILMONDWOOD QUARRY, BOWES, COUNTY DURHAM, UNDER CONDITION 19 OF DECISION NOTICES REF: DM/17/04125/VOCMW AND DM/17/04121/VOCMW

Further to our letter dated 22 December 2020 with the two planning applications submitted on behalf of our client, Kearton Farms Limited, under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to vary the working hours under Planning Condition 19 respectively on Decision Notices Ref: DM/17/04125/VOCMW and DM/17/04121/VOCMW to enable site operations to commence at 0600 hours rather than 0700 hours Monday to Saturday inclusive, please find attached the following:

- Addendum to Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 6 Noise (NEMS, January 2021); and
- Addendum to Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 12 Transport and Access (SAJ Transport Consultants, January 2021); and

The Addendum to ES Chapter 6 Noise Report considers the noise impact of the proposed extension to site operations between 0600 and 0700 hours Monday to Saturday at two nearby noise sensitive properties, namely West Roods and East Roods, and confirms that predictive noise levels from limiting operations commencing at 0600 to loading of vehicles demonstrates that the 42 dB(A) should not be exceeded at these noise sensitive dwellings.

The Addendum to ES Chapter 12 Transport and Access concludes that the proposed variation and site working hours will have no impact on the strategic road network in terms of operational capacity or highway safety and should be supported from the highways and transport perspective.

In this respect, it is proposed that condition 19 of each of the above decision notices should be amended as follows, which has been updated from that proposed on the application forms:

Site operations including the extraction, processing and associated operations authorised by this planning permission shall be restricted to the following periods:

*0700 hours to 1900 hours Monday to Friday; and
0700 hours to 1700 hours Saturday.*

Site operations including the loading of mineral and its haulage in HGVs from the site authorised by this planning permission shall be restricted to the following periods:

*0600 hours to 1900 hours Monday to Friday; and
0600 hours to 1700 hours Saturday.*

No operations for the formation and subsequent removal of material from any soil/overburden storage mounds shall be carried out except between the following times:

0800 hours to 1800 hours on Monday to Friday; and

0800 hours to 1300 hours on Saturdays.

With the exception of pumping, no operations including the maintenance of vehicles and plant or working shall take place outside these hours or at any time on Bank, or other public holidays, save in cases of emergency. The Mineral Planning Authority shall be notified as soon as is practicable after the occurrence of any such operations or working.

We trust that the above is acceptable. However, should you wish to discuss any matters then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Dickinson Planning Limited



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