Dear Phil,

Wakerley Quarry
Non-Material Amendment – Temporary Soil Mound Location (Mineral Processing Area)

In respect of progressing the Wakerley Quarry Development, subject to the relevant pre-commencement planning conditions being satisfied we are hopeful of commencing works early this year. The archaeological investigations have been undertaken and that has involved supervised soil stripping over sections of access road. We understand that the S278 may be forthcoming shortly and on such highway works (A43 widening, Duddington Road access point and Fineshade Road crossing) could well proceed later this month. If that is the case, and ground conditions are suitable then it is hoped that works could proceed along the access road itself. Those works include construction of two protective pads (one over the Total fuel pipeline and the second over a high pressure gas main part way along the route).

Concurrently, the opportunity may exist to expose the limestone within the confines of the initial mineral processing area. However, in order to minimise the amount of soil to be handled during this formative stage, we are proposing establishing three additional temporary soil mounds close to where the soil would be stripped as shown on Drg No. W4/902/Rev A. Although “temporary”, mound T10 may not be moved for 6 to 7 years whilst T11 and T12 may not be required to be relocated for 20 years.

To address this point we hereby submit a non-material amendment application varying the detail shown on Drg No. W4/902/Rev A (Local of Mineral Processing Area and Site Infrastructure) which was originally submitted on 18th October 2016 and approved on 30th November 2016 (allowing an additional temporary screening mound to the processing area).

Ideally, we would like to use processed stone from within the quarry to aid in the construction of the access road primarily from the section from the quarry itself through to Fineshade Road, but we can advise if that is feasible in the fullness of time. If this can be achieved, then clearly it will reduce HGV movements on the County’s highway network.
It should be noted that although its proposed to temporarily stockpile topsoil in additional mounds, the small topsoil screening mound (Bund 5) adjacent to the footpath diversion route will still be established prior to mineral extraction works being undertaken in the south and south-western sector of Phase A.

The recently approved configuration of the 5m high overburden mound to the west and south-west of the mineral processing area and "new" mound T10 will provide an ideal acoustic screen to mineral extraction and processing operations during the initial stage of development (it is envisaged that for the first 6 to 9 months of the project, extracted stone would come from the "mineral processing area").

Yours sincerely,

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Drg No W4/902 Rev A
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