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Dear Peter,

Ringstead Grange Quarry  
Variation of Condition No's 5 and 17 of Consent 12/00016/MIN  
Night-Time Tipping Operations

In December 2015, planning consent (ref 15/00073/MINVOC) was granted for the deposit of materials at Ringstead Grange Quarry during the night time period which derived from various essential highway maintenance works in the region that specifically required removal of excess spoil during such times. Condition 1 of that consent required that the development commenced within three years of the data of the permission (i.e. 5th December 2018), however the application had been a contingency measure should such night time operations be required within contracting tender enquiries but the need to use this consent had not arisen within the three year time-frame.

Since this time however, Mick George Ltd have recently secured a contract for the earthmoving element of the M1 widening scheme from which approximately 600,000 cubic metres of inert material will be removed from the scheme. Given the limited availability of suitable sites, it is proposed that a percentage of this material will be taken to our Ringstead Grange Quarry. The motorway upgrading project will be undertaken over an 18 to 24-month period commencing in late Spring and there will be a requirement to undertake some of the works during the night-time period.

In light of the above, the Company are re-applying to vary Conditions 5 and 17 of Consent 12/00016/MIN, however whereas the previous consent allowed such operations to be undertaken for 21 days per annum, given the scale of the project, the proposal seeks to allow night-time tipping for a maximum of 100 days per annum until 31st December 2020 which is the scheduled end date for the M1 widening scheme. After such time, it is then proposed to reduce this to 21 days per annum as previously agreed. It is proposed to give 3 days prior notice to the minerals and waste planning authority giving details of estimated timings and approximate volume of material to be taken to the site.

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It is envisaged (as before) that there will be no more than 5 HGVs delivering material per hour (equating to 10 HGV movements) and with such low levels of traffic there will be no adverse impacts upon the local community. Vehicles will deposit the material at a specified location which is in excess of 850m from any occupied dwelling and as you are aware the HGV route will not take vehicles through local villages. Warning beacons on the HGVs will not be employed and the use of reverse gear will be limited as far as practical to do so.

It is suggested that the wording of Conditions 5 and 17 of consent 12/00016/MIN are amended as within the lapsed 2015 consent (ref 15/00073/MINVOC), although revising the limit from 21 days per year to 100 days per year for the period until 31st December 2020, as follows;

**Condition 5:**

"Except in emergencies to maintain safe quarry working (which shall be notified to the Mineral Planning Authority as soon as practicable), no operations, other than water pumping, plant servicing, and environmental monitoring of plant shall be carried out at the site except between the following times (or in the case of the exceptions listed in a) and b) of this condition):

- 07:00 to 18:00 hours Monday to Fridays (with the exception of the night time delivery of material from essential highway maintenance works for a maximum of 100 days per annum until 31st December 2020 and 21 days per annum after such time, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Mineral Planning Authority)
- 07:00 to 13:00 hours Saturdays
- And at no other times or on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.
  a) As an exception the loading of vehicles for export of minerals can be carried out between 06:00 to 07:00 hours Mondays to Fridays.
  b) As an exception the night time delivery (18:00 to 07:00) of inert waste materials from essential highway maintenance works can be carried out for a maximum of 100 days in a year until the 31st December 2020 and for a maximum of 21 days per annum following this date (which shall be notified to the Minerals Planning Authority within 7 days of taking place)."

**Condition 17:**

"The total number of HGV vehicle movements associated with the development hereby permitted shall not exceed the following limits:

- 190 movements [95 in and 95 out] per day (Mondays to Fridays)
- 100 movements [50 in and 50 out] per day (Saturdays)

In the event that the extension in hours for delivery of materials from essential highway maintenance works is not extended beyond 31st December 2020, in accordance with the controls in condition 5 of this permission, the total number of HGV movements shall revert back to those originally consented, as follows:

- 180 movements [90 in and 90 out] per day (Mondays to Fridays)
- 90 movements [45 in and 45 out] per day (Saturdays)"
The noise appraisal that accompanied the original planning application considered the impact of up to 10 vehicles leaving the site prior to 7am and that confirmed operations could be undertaken significantly below the criteria levels in the National Planning Policy Framework. Given the site’s location and access point onto Raunds Road, the HGV route does not pass a single dwelling (or pass within 800m of any property to the north of the A45) before joining the A45. The original noise appraisal considered the noise impact of such an operation compared against the relevant criteria level (i.e. 42dBA L\text{Aeq 1hour}) and concluded that this operation can be undertaken at a level not exceeding 36dBA L\text{Aeq 1 hour} at any residential dwelling. The impact of HGVs delivering material at night would very similar, but for reassurance, a further noise appraisal was undertaken as part of the previous 2015 application, which again confirmed that noise levels for these operations will remain under the noise limits set out in the National Planning Guidance and a copy of that report prepared by L F Acoustics is enclosed.

The material from the M1 project (and possibly any other projects for which the Company may be the successful contractor) will ultimately only be accepted if it is suitable for restoration purposes (i.e. strictly inert). Restoration materials will only be accepted at the site if they meet the strict acceptance criteria defined in the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010. Mick George Ltd’s fully trained compliance staff are responsible for carrying out testing on the material prior to the material being brought to site. Documentation for the imported material received will be kept on record for any statutory period required.

Depending on the permitted duration of the highway works and the quantity of material to be removed (at various phases of the project) HGVs may not be required to operate for the full 8 hours during the night time period. No quarry plant or machinery will operate on site during these hours. The material taken from the highway works will simply be tipped into one stockpile, and if necessary relocated the following day within the currently approved working hours of the quarry development.

Given that the above proposals have previously been approved by your authority (and therefore deemed acceptable), we do not consider that there are any reasons why planning permission should be withheld. Such night-time tipping provisions are now necessary for the completion of the M1 widening scheme of part of the strategic highway network. However, should you have any queries or require any additional information then please advise.

Yours sincerely,

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Application Pro-Forma
Noise Appraisal (dated August 2015)
Drg No R15/01 – Location Plan