

Meriden Parish Council

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Dear Mr Wigfield

PLANNING APPLICATION PL/2018/01293/PPFL

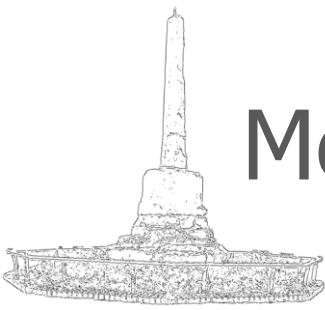
Further to recent communication, may I thank you for your patience. I believe it is true to say the many documents that I, Mrs Parker and Council have read recently have been very detailed and complex that appear to cross reference the many variations, conditions and mineral review processes that have taken place over a number of years for Meriden Quarry of which Area G is included. The recent site visit hosted by Messrs Ketcher and Williams also raised more questions.

For the purpose of concluding the regularisation of this retrospective planning application for the recycling site to remain in its current location, Meriden Parish Council agree subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority being adhered to. Members have requested a copy of the Approval Notice and Conditions therein.

Clarity is required relating to the “bolt on” process of screening excavated mineral to top soil for site restoration works. We believe it is this add on process that has caused the resident complaints of noise nuisance. It is also suggested that this “bolt on” screening did not feature in the original 2014 planning application and was not included on the original site location plan that supported the 2014 application. It is therefore assumed that the excavation of mineral from the said “bolt on” process is covered by the ROMP and 2014 S73 permissions which is relevant as the mineral extraction is being screened for top soil as part of this recycling process; or is this incorrect?

Mr Williams and Mr Ketcher confirmed that in light of the recent complaints from Somers Wood the existing bund running adjacent to Somers Lane is to be raised by 1.5 metres to deflect the noise of the recycling plant. Admittedly this is wind directional and to date the NRS Site Manager has acted responsibly in closing down the process and putting up a windsock to measure wind direction. Additional independent noise survey work has been undertaken and whilst the decibel recording does not exceed the upper limit the location map indicates the source being the 2014 location of proposed recycling site.

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Can you confirm that the additional 1.5 metre bund height is part of the conditions of planning permission granted? Also regular monitoring of noise and dust nuisance.

Meriden Parish Council consider a meeting with Mr Williams, Mr Ketcher and yourself to be of value to understand and have clarity of the new recycling plant (bolt-on) process, mineral extractions, ROMP conditions and the 2014 S73 variations.

Again thanks for your support and assistance with understanding the complexities of Meriden Quarry.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Meriden Parish Council

Barbara Bland
Clerk