

20th October 2021

Environment,
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council,
The Quays,
Brunel Way,
Baglan Energy Park,
Neath.
SA11 2GG.

Dear Sirs,

**Proposed Non-Material Amendments to Condition Nos. 20 and 80
Gilfach Quarry, The Rhyddings, Gilfach Road, Neath
Planning Permission No. P2019/5299
Breedon Trading Ltd.
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

I refer to the above.

As you will be aware, condition nos. 20 and 80 attached to the above planning permission state the following: -

“Within six months of the commencement of the soil stripping within the extension area and every six months thereafter until the site is fully restored the operator of the site shall provide a copy to the Local Planning Authority of the results of the proposed monitoring of the existing spring water supply at Cefn Faes Uchaf Farm as indicated in the Supplementary Hydrogeological Assessment Report (March 2011). In the event of any results indicating a derogation of the water supply the developer shall provide details of the action to be undertaken to recover or replace the water supply.”

“Meetings of the Technical Working Party shall be carried out in accordance with the scheme approved by planning permission P2014/0093 for the duration of operations at the site.”

The spring water supply at Cefn Faes Uchaf Farm has been monitored by the previous and current quarry operator since 2010 with no indication of a derogation in water supply requiring either company's intervention. As such the Company considers that the body of data regards the spring is such that a submission of monitoring results every six months is no longer justified. A submission frequency of

every twelve months from the date of the grant of this application is therefore proposed as being more appropriate. No changes to the monitoring regime are proposed, only the frequency of submission of results.

The Company considers that the requirements of condition no. 80 are excessive given the scale of operations at Gilfach Quarry, the extent of formal monitoring (four visits per year) and the lack of complaints received (the Company has no record of any complaints made by local residents over recent years). As such it is proposed that an inaugural Technical Working Party (TWP) is held within one year to this application being granted, and that any further meetings will be held at the request of any member of the TWP provided at least three months have elapsed since the holding of the previous meeting, thus: -

“A Technical Working Party meeting shall be held within 1 year of the date of this permission. At the request of any member of the TWP, any subsequent meeting(s) shall be held within 1 year of the date of this first meeting, meetings shall not take place sooner than 3 months following the date of the previous TWP meeting.”

In pursuance of the above application the enclosed is submitted via the Planning Portal: -

- drawing no. 2021_10_18_G07_001 and;
- the application fee, calculated to be £115.

I trust this is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

Shaun Denny
Planner – Wales & Southern