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Dear Matthew

APPLICATION NO: SDC/20CM009

DESCRIPTION: Infilling of redundant quarry with inert soils and clays to include temporary soils and aggregates recycling and recovery facility and restoration of the quarry to provide 4 No. affordable dwellings and 10 No. Recreational EcoPods.

LOCATION: Edgehill Quarry, Edgehill, Banbury, OX15 6DH

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on the 'amended details' relating to planning application SDC/20CM009.

The Board acknowledges that the amended details relate to the removal of the four dwellings and associated vehicular access from the proposed infilling and restoration of Edgehill Quarry. Having reviewed the applicant's 'Addendum to the Planning Statement' document, we understand that this change has been made following discussions between the applicant, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford on Avon District Council in September 2020.

As you will be aware, the Board objected to this planning application in a consultation response dated 31 July 2020 (prior to the removal of the four dwellings). The Board also objected to the previous planning application for this site (Ref: SDC/19CM023) in a consultation response dated 21 January 2020.

As you will be aware from those responses, the Board's over-riding concerns regarding the proposed development relate to the landfill operation itself. For example, our July 2020 objection primarily related to:

- (i) the inappropriate nature and scale of the landfill and waste recovery / recycling / export operation, particularly in the context of its location in the Cotswolds National Landscape;¹ and
- (ii) the number of HGV movements that would be involved in transporting waste to and from the site as part of this landfill and waste recovery / recycling / export operation and the

¹ Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.

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impact that these HGV movements would have on the tranquillity of the Cotswolds National Landscape.

The Board acknowledges that the removal of the four dwellings from the proposed development has the potential to reduce the overall adverse impacts of the scheme to a small degree. Removing these dwellings also has the potential to provide some minor benefits, such as the creation of a slightly larger area of lowland calcareous grassland in the restoration scheme.

However, we consider that the potential benefits of removing the four dwellings would be dwarfed by the significant adverse impacts and inappropriate nature and scale of the overall proposed development, particularly the landfill and waste recovery / recycling / export operation.

For these reasons, the Board maintains its strong objection to planning application SDC/20CM009.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline stroke.

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