

RE: 14/0130/CWMAJM Quarry Extension & 14/0124/CWMAJM Variation of Conditions at Nayles Larch.

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board* on these two related applications and providing us with additional time to respond.

The Cotswolds Conservation Board were supportive to the original application on the basis of the modest scale of the proposed extraction and the benefit of local stone supply. Although we have not seen a detailed Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment as part of these current applications we continue not to raise any comments in principle.

We do again recommend the Council in coming to their own decision, consider whether the development meets the requirements of Paragraphs 115 and 116 of the NPPF.

Should the Council be minded to approve both applications detailed planning conditions should be attached to continue to control the permitted use and to ensure full landscape restoration and management.

**Conservation Boards*

A Conservation Board is a statutory independent corporate body set up by Parliamentary Order under the provisions of Section 86 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act 2000. Section 87 of the CRoW Act sets out the purposes of a conservation board as:

a) the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty, and b) the purpose of increasing the understanding and enjoyment by the public of the special qualities of the area of outstanding natural beauty.

But if it appears to the board that there is a conflict between those purposes, they are to attach greater weight to the purpose mentioned in paragraph (a).

Furthermore "A conservation board, while having regard to the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) [of Section 87], shall seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the area of outstanding natural beauty, and shall for that purpose cooperate with local authorities and public bodies whose functions include the promotion of economic or social development within the area of outstanding natural beauty."