



Screening Opinion Request
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This document carries out an assessment against the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) as to whether or not an EIA is required for the proposed development.

1.2 The proposed development is a dimension stone quarry at a historic quarry site ('The Site') near Silsden, West Yorkshire. The proposals would involve the extraction of high-quality dimension stone with restoration, using only site won materials, to achieve significant biodiversity net gains, and produce a sympathetic final landform.

2.0 EIA Screening Policy

2.1 The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) describe the criteria for determining whether or not a proposed development requires an EIA. The regulations categorise development into two elements: Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.

2.2 If the development is listed in 'Schedule 1', it is considered EIA development¹ and requires an Environmental Statement (ES) to be included with the planning application by default. If a proposed development is listed in 'Schedule 2' and meets one of the listed thresholds, or is located in a 'sensitive area', then it is considered Schedule 2 development. Schedule 2 development proposals must be 'screened' by the local planning authority to determine whether or not an EIA

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¹ Subject only to appeal.

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is required. If the proposed development is below the criteria and thresholds for

Schedule 2 development, then the proposals are <u>not</u> EIA Development.

2.3 The 'Extractive Industry' is listed in 'Schedule 2' of the above Regulations. The

proposed extraction operations at The Site would fall under:

"Quarries, open cast mining and peat extraction (unless included in Schedule 1)"

The criteria and thresholds for EIA development are:

"All development except the construction of buildings or other ancillary

structures where the new floorspace does not exceed 1,000 square metres."

And the indicative criteria and threshold, which is:

"All new open cast mines and underground mines. Clay, sand and gravel

workings, quarries covering more than 15 hectares or involving the extraction of

more than 30,000 tonnes of mineral per year."

The proposal is neither greater than 15 hectares in surface area, nor would it

extract more than 30,000 tonnes of mineral per annum. The Site is also not

within a Sensitive Area as defined in the EIA Regulations and listed in Table 1. This

is summarised below:

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Surface area greater than 15ha	No
Extraction per annum greater than 30k tonnes	No
Within SSSI or European designated site	No
Within National Park, AONB or The Broads	No
Within World Heritage Site or Scheduled	No
Monument	

Table 1: Thresholds for Schedule 2 development and whether or not the proposals exceed these thresholds.

3.0 EIA Development

- 3.1 Based upon the above assessment against the criteria and thresholds for EIA Development, the proposed development is not EIA Development, and an ES is not required. Nevertheless, the potential environmental effects of the proposals, and any mitigation measures will be appropriately considered in the Planning Application.
- 3.2 The proposed, specialist, supporting studies are:
 - Hydrogeological Risk Assessment
 - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (and any necessary subsequent surveys)
 - Transport Statement & Travel Plan
 - Landscape, Visual Impact Assessment (LVA)
 - Archaeology and Heritage Statement
 - Flood Risk Assessment
- 3.3 The proposed supporting statement chapters are:



- Introduction
- Site Description
- Operational Details
- Planning Policy Review
- Restoration Scheme Supporting Document
- Plans / Drawings
- 3.4 The above listed studies and chapters are not exhaustive and may be supplemented by further assessments where appropriate.



