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**SENT BY EMAIL**

Our Ref: [SCE.229/ES.16/15/524 MW](#)

Your Ref:

6 September 2016

Dear Mr Claxton,

**APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITIONS 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 32, 38, 39 AND 42 OF PERMISSION REF. [ES.11/13/524 MW](#) TO ALTER THE SEQUENCE OF PHASED EXTRACTION AND TO REVISE THE DATE FOR CESSATION OF MINERAL EXTRACTION FROM 30 NOVEMBER 2016 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2026 AND RESTORATION FROM 30 NOVEMBER 2018 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2028 AT UTTOXETER QUARRY, ASHBOURNE ROAD, SPATH, UTTOXETER.**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011: REGULATION 7 - SCREENING OPINION**

I refer to your application dated 11 August 2016 (ref. [ES.16/15/524 MW](#)) in connection with the above development.

In accordance with the above regulations the County Council is required to adopt a "Screening Opinion" to establish whether the submitted application should be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The County Council has considered the application as submitted and is of the opinion that the proposed development falls within the description provided within Schedule 2 paragraph 13(a) to the above regulations, but in the opinion of the County Council, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the above regulations and the '[Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects](#)' (version 6/3/14), the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location. Further details are provided in the accompanying 'Screening Opinion Checklist'.

Therefore, in accordance with the powers contained in the 'Scheme of Delegation to Officers', this letter confirms that the County Council is of the opinion that the proposed development is **not EIA development** and need not be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.



Yours sincerely,

**Matthew Griffin**

Team Leader – Minerals Planning Policy

Accompanied by Screening Opinion Checklist

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**Sent:** 06 September 2016 14:14  
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**Subject:** Staffordshire County Council request to Council to record EIA screening opinion on Planning Register (our ref. SCE.229/ES.16/15/524 MW - Uttoxeter Quarry)

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In accordance with Regulation 23 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, I would be grateful if you would record the above EIA screening opinion on your Planning Register and make it available for public inspection for a period of 2 years.

The relevant documents are available [HERE](#) - click on the 'Documents' tab. Alternatively go to the Staffordshire Planning web page [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning) - 'Find a current application', enter the application number – click 'Search' and click on the 'Documents' tab.

Thank you,  
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**Screening Opinion Checklist** Case Officer: Matthew Griffin

Date: 6/9/16

<p><b>PA/PAD No.</b> <a href="#">SCE.229/ES.16/15/524 MW</a>      <b>Site / Location:</b> Uttoxeter Quarry, Ashbourne Road, Spath, Stramshall.</p>			
<p><b>Description of development:</b> Application to vary conditions 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 32, 38, 39 and 42 of permission ref. <a href="#">ES.11/13/524 MW</a> to alter the sequence of phased extraction and to revise the date for cessation of mineral extraction from 30 November 2016 to 30 November 2026 and restoration from 30 November 2018 to 30 November 2028.</p>			
<p><b>PART 1 - Is a Screening Opinion Required? (ref: EIA Regulations 2011, and Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects)</b></p>			
	<p>Do you have enough information to define the size and type of development (a plan, description of type/nature/ purpose and possible effects)?**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yes</b> (proceed to step 2) (Application ref. <a href="#">ES.16/15/524 MW</a>)</li> <li><b>No</b> - either take the precautionary principle and assume the worst case or, request more information confirming 3 week deadline not commence until received;</li> </ul> <p>**Note - <b>Changes or extensions may also need an EIA!</b> (Schedule 2, category 13)</p>		
<b>1</b>	Development Description		Yes
<b>2</b>	Is it a Schedule 1 development?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yes/No</b> (explain)</li> <li><b>YES</b> – The development is category..... and a <b>screening opinion is not required as an EIA mandatory!</b></li> <li><b>NO</b> – If the development is not listed in Schedule 1 it may be listed in Schedule 2 (proceed to step 3)</li> </ul>	✓
<b>3</b>	Is it a Schedule 2 development? (Schedule 2, Col 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yes/No</b> (explain)</li> <li><b>YES</b> - The development falls within category 13(a) changes to a Schedule 1 development, already permitted (category 2 – extractive industry – all development) (proceed to step 4)</li> <li><b>NO</b>– If the development is not listed in Schedule 2 a <b>screening opinion is not required and EIA not required!</b></li> </ul>	✓
<b>4</b>	4(a) Does the development fall within the absolute threshold/criteria? (Schedule 2, Col 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yes/No</b> – (explain)</li> <li>The threshold/criteria is 13 (b) – column 2</li> </ul> <p><b>Either:-</b></p> <p>(i) The development as changed or extended may have significant adverse effects on the environment; or</p> <p>(ii) in relation to development of a description mentioned in column 1 of this table, the thresholds and criteria in the corresponding part of column 2 of this table applied to the change or extension are met or exceeded.</p>	✓
	4(b) Is the proposal within/near to a 'sensitive area'? (e.g. SSSI, NP, AONB, SAC, RAMSAR, Scheduled Monument)	<p>and the proposal is to vary the phasing of an existing permitted quarry (proceed to step 4b).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yes/No</b> – (explain)</li> <li><b>YES</b> – The development falls within/near to the following designated site(s) Within or ..... metres from ..... Within or ..... metres from..... (OR)</li> </ul>	✓



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have answered 'Yes' to the threshold/criteria a screening opinion is required – proceed to Part 2</li> <li>• If you have answered 'No' to the threshold/criteria and the development <u>is</u> within/near a sensitive area a screening opinion is required – proceed to Part 2</li> <li>• If you have answered 'No' to the threshold/criteria and the development <u>is not</u> within/near a sensitive area a screening opinion is not required.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Screening opinion required?</p>	✓

**PART 2 – Is an EIA Required? (ref: Schedule 3 - EIA Regulations 2011 and Planning Practice Guidance – Screening Schedule 2 projects)**

EIA usually required for (i) major developments of more than local importance; (ii) development in particularly environmentally sensitive or vulnerable locations; (iii) developments with unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects. This checklist should be used to determine whether significant effects are likely to arise from the development. **REMEMBER** – the Regs also apply to changes to EIA development and reserved matters / subsequent approvals

<p>1</p> <p>Indicative thresholds/criteria</p>	<p>Does the development fall within the indicative thresholds/criteria? (see <u>Indicative screening thresholds</u>)</p>	<p>The <u>Indicative screening threshold</u> set out in the 'Planning Practice Guidance' for development falling within category 2 (a) quarries - all development indicates that significant effects are likely where there are sand and gravel workings covering more than 15 hectares or involving the extraction of more than 30,000 tonnes of mineral per year</p> <p>Key issues to consider: - The likelihood of significant effects will tend to depend on the scale and duration of the works, and the likely consequent impact of noise, dust, discharges to water and visual intrusion</p> <p>Planning permission <u>ES.09/05/524 M</u> related to an extension to Uttoxeter Quarry providing an additional 1.6Mt of sand and gravel reserves and the application was subject to EIA.</p> <p>Planning permission <u>ES.11/13/524 MW</u> varied conditions 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 32, 38, 39 &amp; 42 of permission ref <u>ES.09/05/524 M</u> to alter the sequence of phased extraction. This development was not deemed to be EIA development.</p>
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<p>The current proposal involves change to the sequence of phased extraction; and to the dates for cessation of mineral extraction from 30 November 2016 to 30 November 2026 and restoration from 30 November 2018 to 30 November 2028 (these changes relate to planning permission ref. ES.11/13/524 MW). The application area involves 153 ha and 41 ha remains to be extracted.</p> <p>The application does not involve increasing the amount of mineral extraction or extending the area of mineral extraction.</p>	
<p>The proposed changes do not affect the size of development.</p> <p>A Planning Statement accompanies the application and includes updates on the assessment of environmental effects relating to Landscape and Visual Amenity; Restoration; Soil Resources; Air Quality; Ecology; Noise; Water Resources and Flood Risk; Highways; Cultural Heritage and Climate Change. Having regard to the Planning Statement, it is not anticipated that there would be any significant additional effects from the proposed re-phasing or the extended timescale for mineral extraction.</p> <p>The proposals relate to a permission involving the winning and working of sand and gravel.</p> <p>There would be no change to the type and amount of waste produced.</p> <p>No change from those previously assessed.</p> <p>ditto</p>	<p>Size of the development:</p> <p>Cumulation with other developments</p> <p>Use of natural resources</p> <p>Production of waste</p> <p>Pollution and nuisances</p> <p>Risk of accidents</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Characteristic of the development:</p>	<p>Existing land use (<i>include past, present and future (allocated land)</i>)</p> <p>Relative abundance, quality, regenerative capacity of natural resources</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Location of the development (the environmental sensitivity of area</p>	<p>Agricultural land with permission for the winning and working of sand and gravel.</p> <p>No change from circumstances previously assessed.</p>



	likely to be affected):	Absorption capacity of natural environment (particularly wetlands, nature reserves/parks; SSSIs and international designations; areas where environmental quality standards have been exceeded; densely populated areas; landscapes of historical, cultural or archaeological significance).	ditto
4	Characteristics of the potential impact	Extent of the impact (area and size of affected population) The magnitude and complexity of the impact The probability of the impact The duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact	ditto ditto ditto ditto
5	Can the significant effects be addressed by proposed mitigation measures?	Are the mitigation measures: • Modest in scope • Plainly and easily achievable	It is anticipated that the environmental effects can be controlled by planning conditions that would be similar if not the same as the current permission.
6	Conclusion	ES required?	Yes                      No                      ✓
	Signed and dated	Case Officer Matthew Griffin 5 September 2016	Team Leader/Team Manager Mike Grundy 5 September 2016)

