

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016-2017:

**DEVELOPMENT
CONTROL COMMITTEE
3 NOVEMBER 2016**

**REPORT OF:
SERVICE DIRECTOR
PLANNING**

Part 1	Agenda Item No. 5
	<p>APPLICATIONS NO: 15/0666/10</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE SITE VISIT:</p> <p>Western extension to existing quarry to include the phased extraction of an additional 10 million tonnes of pennant sandstone, construction of screening bunds, associated works and operations, and consolidation of all previous mineral planning permissions at Craig Yr Hesk Quarry, including an extension of the end date for quarrying and an overall restoration scheme (additional information submitted "Wellbeing and Environmental Health Issues" report)</p> <p>CRAIG YR HESK QUARRY, BERW ROAD, PONTYPRIDD.</p>

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To recommend a Committee Site Visit in respect of this application, prior to the application being considered at the Development Control Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That a Committee Site Visit should be held in respect of this application, prior to the application being considered by the Development Control Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

Full planning permission is sought for an extension to the quarry to extract 10 million tonnes of additional stone, to extend the life of the quarry. The extension would be located within the "Preferred Area of Known Mineral Resources" allocated by Policy SSA 25 of the LDP.

The application is a “consolidating application” in that the applicant has requested that one consent is issued that covers both the extension and the existing quarry’s operations, incorporating the conditions on the latest Review of Mineral Permission (ROMP, ref. 08/1380/10).

There has been significant public interest in this application for the extension. Following the initial round of consultations, 320 objections and 1 petition were received.

Also following this consultation, the applicant was requested to provide further information regarding the health and wellbeing impacts of the quarry’s operations. This has now been received and has gone out to public consultation. This consultation is due to end on 9th November 2016.

Subject to the results of the consultation, and addressing all outstanding issues in respect of this application, it is proposed to report the matter to the Development Control Committee scheduled for 15th December 2016.

Given the level of public interest in this proposal and the amenity issues that need to be considered it is recommended that a Committee Site Visit be arranged before the matter is formally reported to the Development Control Committee for determination. Access to the working quarry is likely to be necessary for such a visit and health and safety is going to require careful consideration. In view of this officers will need to make the necessary arrangements with the applicants regarding access. Given these factors, it is considered preferable that such a Site Visit is organised prior to the application being considered by the Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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See Relevant Application File

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