

6th April 2022

Gwynedd Council,
Planning Services,
Council Offices,
Ffordd y Cob,
Pwllheli,
Gwynedd.
LL53 5AA.

Dear Sirs,

**Proposed Quarry Extension
Penrhyn Quarry, Bethesda, Bangor, Gwynedd
Breedon Trading Ltd. trading as Welsh Slate
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

I refer to the above.

As you may be aware geological conditions (in the form of a geological dyke) within the current quarry are making operations increasing costly and difficult to undertake, with a significant risk that it will not prove possible to recover all the mineral reserve from within the permitted extraction footprint of the site. It has been determined that a small extension to the extraction area of the quarry of 2.3 hectares (the only 1.6 hectares would actually be subject to the winning and working of minerals), lying wholly within the boundary of extant planning permission ref. no. C16/1164/16/MW, will allow the base of the quarry to be widened sufficiently for most of the currently permitted mineral to be recovered. Further, it will allow sawing to be used to recover mineral rather than explosives which reduces the amount of wastage and vibration from blasting.

The proposed quarry extension will increase the permitted mineral reserve by 250 000 tonnes to approximately 3.6 million tonnes. At current rates of production this is estimated to be sufficient to maintain the quarry for a further thirteen years, i.e., until 31st December 2035. This compares to the current date for the cessation of the winning and working of minerals established by planning permission ref. no. C16/1164/16/MW of the 31st December 2032.

In all other respects no changes are predicted or proposed compared to the current permitted development subject to planning permission ref. no. C16/1164/16/MW. It is estimated that all waste and overburden resultant from the proposed development can be accommodated within existing permitted spoil disposal scheme. A separate application



pursuant to Section 73 of the above Act has been submitted in parallel with this application to extend the deadline for the cessation of the winning and working of mineral to the 31st December 2035, and the revise the working scheme to include the proposed extension.

An Environmental Statement has been produced that cover the entirety of the development proposed, i.e., that to which both this and the Section 73 application relates. As it, the Supporting and Planning Application Consultation Statements relate to the proposed development as a whole they are submitted pursuant to both applications, albeit separately.

In pursuance of the above application the enclosed is submitted by email: -

- the relevant application pro forma and certification pursuant Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012;
- Volume 1: Planning Statement and Appendix: Penrhyn Quarry Realignment 2019 - Geotechnical Considerations in Slope Design, Volume 2: Environmental Statement (including Appendices 2-1, 4-1 and 2, 6-1/3, 7-1/5, 8-1/8 and 9-1/5) and Volume 3: Pre-Application Consultation Statement. Volume 2 has been broken down into individual chapters, drawings and appendices for ease of submission via the Portal. The Non-Technical Summary is submitted as Volume 2c of the ES, and;
- drawing nos. PQ 2-1/3, 6-1/15 and 7-1/4.

The fee for this application is calculated to be £5 290. If this is correct please advise and immediate payment will be arranged.

I trust this is acceptable. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaun Denny", is written over a light grey circular stamp or watermark.

Shaun Denny
Planner