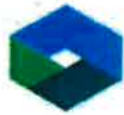


Appendix F

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Response letter dated 28 October 2015



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Date: 28th October 2015

Dear Mr Jones,

Cais i sefydlu ystorfa dros dro i gadw priddoedd anadweithiol sydd i'w hadennill er lles defnydd adfer ar gyfer y dyfodol

Application to establish a repository for the temporary storage of inert soils for future recovery and beneficial use in restoration

Chwarel Ty Mawr West Slate Quarry, Talysarn, LL54 6BA

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, which we received on the 6th October 2015.

We have no objection to the application, but have the following comments:

Waste Management

The activity as proposed is likely to require an Environmental Permit to authorise the importation and storage of waste material. It is strongly recommended that the applicant seeks pre-permit-application advice before submitting an application for an Environmental Permit. The applicant should contact Rhys Thomas, within the local Waste Regulation Team on 0300 065 3765 to arrange pre-application discussion. Further information is also available on the following links:

<https://naturalresources.wales/apply-for-a-permit/waste/waste-permitting/?lang=en>

<https://naturalresources.wales/apply-for-a-permit/waste/waste-exemptions/?lang=en>

The applicants should ensure that appropriate pollution prevention measures are implemented on site.

We are satisfied with the content of the Waste Planning Assessment, and agree with its conclusions.

Protected Species

We consider the ecological survey and assessment to have been carried out to a satisfactory standard, and agree with the conclusions.

The site has been subject to ecological survey and assessment in respect of statutory protected species by Cambrian Ecology Ltd (2015). We consider that this assessment has been carried out to a satisfactory standard and we therefore concur with the conclusion. The results of the survey confirmed no presence of bats within the location of the proposed work.

All species of bat and their roosts are protected under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); the EC Habitats and Species Directive (as implemented by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended)). The proposal is unlikely to cause disturbance to bats and/or loss or damage to roosts.

We consider the proposal will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the favourable conservation status of the bat populations present at this site.

Please note that we have not considered possible effects on all local or regional interests, including those relating to the upkeep, management and creation of habitat for wild birds. Therefore, you should not rule out the possibility of adverse effects on such interests, which would be relevant to your Authority's general duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity, as set out in section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006). This advice includes any consideration of the planned provision of "linear" and "stepping stone" habitats.

To comply with your Authority's duty under section 40 of the NERC Act, to have regard to conserving biodiversity, your decision should take account of possible adverse effects on such interests. We recommend that you seek further advice from your authority's internal ecological adviser and/or third sector nature conservation organisations such as the local wildlife trust, RSPB, etc. The Wales Biodiversity Partnership's web site has guidance for assessing proposals that have implications for section 42 habitats and species (www.biodiversitywales.org.uk).

Landscape

The site lies within the Nantlle Valley landscape of outstanding historic interest and 180m to the north-west of the boundary of Snowdonia National Park.

The proposal is to use a central area of the former Ty Mawr east quarry to deposit 10,000m³ of sub-soil arising from the owner's construction activity elsewhere, over an 8 year period. During which time soil 1m deep would be spread across the quarry floor and grass seeded to support agricultural grazing after use.

We consider the activities associated with the operational works and final restoration after use would not be visually apparent from the frontage of the site with the B4418. One public footpath on the boundary of the National Park 180m to the south east has the potential to allow public views down on to the quarry and of the site. Activity and storage of soil associated with the proposal is however unlikely to look at odds with the industrial character and scale of the site.

Significant adverse change to the visual character of quarry, the wider sense of the historic landscape and views from the edge of Snowdonia National Park are therefore unlikely to occur.

Yn gywir / Yours' faithfully,



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