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Dear Phil,

**Wakerley Quarry - Consent No 08/00026/MIN and EN.97.522C
Commencement of soils stripping in Area A (and site office compound area)**

For your information, it is confirmed that soils will start to be stripped from within Area A in the forthcoming weeks. The initial area of activity of topsoil removal will concentrate on the proposed location of the "mineral processing area" as shown on Drg No W4/902 Rev A and the surrounding sub-soil mounds (Bund 4) to enable mineral extraction works to commence later in the year in the western sector of the site (Phase A). It is anticipated that limestone will initially be extracted from within the "mineral processing area" to enable those crushing and screening operations to be undertaken at a lower profile with peripheral screening in place to assist in restricting noise to acceptable levels

The soils in and around the site office compound/HGV parking area (to the east of Phase B) will subsequently be stripped and stockpiled and the site infrastructure established thereafter.

These initial soil stripping operations are outside of the identified areas of potential archaeological interest and as such there is no requirement to undertake any additional investigations at this stage. In respect of Condition 28, as your authority will be aware, a comprehensive translocation exercise was undertaken last year involving reptiles from within the northern sector of Phases A and B along with the closure (under a Natural England Permit) of a number of badger setts. Prior to that an exhaustive monitoring exercise confirmed the lack of presence of dormice and a GCN survey confirmed a single pond contained amphibians but that was remote from the initial areas of working. Accordingly, our consultant ecologists are satisfied there are no issues remaining relating to potential conflict with species protected by statute.

Works will also take place extending the quarry access road from beyond its current position (close to the three ponds currently under construction), using on-site materials to aid construction of that road. As you are aware, the footpath traversing the site was formally diverted last year and as such there are no conflicts with public access provisions.

We are separately advising the Liaison Group members of these intended works to keep them fully informed of site activities. Should you require any further clarification of the above then please feel free to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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