DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

CON/2016/0006	**HSS ENGINEERING LTD HURST QUARRY HURST ROAD BIDDULPH**	**SCREENING OPINION FOR APPLICATION FOR THE PERIODIC REVIEW (UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995) OF THE MINERAL PLANNING PERMISSION SM.EA/4 (ROMP)** **(CONSULTATION BY OTHER AUTHORITITES)**

MAIN ISSUES

This is a Screening opinion for a periodic review of the extant Mineral permission (SMEA/4) at Hurst Quarry. This is not Schedule 1 development. It is however Schedule 2 development, Category 2 a) Quarries. The proposal exceeds the indicative threshold.

The site extends to 22 hectares. It lies within the Green Belt and adjacent to a Site of Biological Interest, Troughstone Hill. The Sprink SBI is located approximately 190 metres to the south east. In addition there are two ancient woodlands within close proximately, Spring Wood approximately 35 metres to the south and Heath Hay Wood approximately 390 metres to the south east. Biddulph Grange is a Grade I Listed building and is located to the south of the site. Biddulph Grange is also a Conservation Area and is a Registered Park and Garden. Listed building are located within the grounds of Biddulph Grange, the nearest of which is the bridge located approximately 160 metres to the south (Grade II). The quarry is located in an Ancient Woodland consultation zone and within a SSSI Impact Risk Zone (Leek Moors). There are residential properties close to the site on Hurst Road. On the basis of the information provided, I agree with the County that there is a degree of uncertainty in respect of likely environmental impacts from the proposal in respect of pollution, noise/residential amenity, lighting, vehicle movements, drainage and mitigation measures.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Having regard to the above, Schedule 3 criteria and advice in the NPPG and taking the precautionary approach my view is that owing to the scale of development, sensitivity of its location, characteristics of the development and uncertainty in respect of likely environmental impacts, this **is EIA development requiring an Environmental Statement.**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION : **JEC to e-mail County as follows, 'That SMDC considers this proposal to be EIA development requiring an Environmental Statement'.**

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Signed by: Haywood, Ben

On behalf of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council