**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING**
**(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 1999**

# STATEMENT OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 24 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 1999

**IN RESPECT OF A DECISION TO GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION FOR**

**CONSOLIDATION OF PERMITTED EXTRACTION AND RESTORATION CONDITIONS AND SCHEMES**
**(REF. SM.09/14/113 M)**

**AT WARDLOW/WREDON QUARRY COMPLEX, CAULDON LOWE, STAFFORDSHIRE**

**APPLICANT:** **Tarmac Limited**

**APPLICATION REF.** **SM.09/14/113 M**

**DECISION DATE:** **13 December 2013**

**Statement date:** **5 June 2017**

## Introduction

Tarmac Limited submitted an application for the proposed consolidation of permitted extraction and restoration conditions and schemes at Wardlow and Wredon Quarry which was received on 10 March 2010 (ref. SM.09/14/113 M).

On 1 November 2012, the Planning Committee of Staffordshire County Council accepted the recommendations in the planning committee report and resolved to approve the development, subject to the applicant and all other persons with an interest in the land entering into a new Section 106 Legal Agreement (replacing and superseding the existing Section 52 Legal Agreement) and subject to planning conditions listed below (as listed in the report). A new Section 106 legal agreement was signed on 13 December 2013, and a decision was issued on 13 December 2013.

This statement, along with the relevant public notice, has been prepared to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 21 of the 1999 EIA Regulations*.

* Note - On 24 August 2011 new regulations replacing the 1999 EIA Regulations referred to below came into effect. However, as the application was made prior to that date, this statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the earlier regulations.

## Regulation 21

Regulation 21 of the Town and Country Planning Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999, requires the County Council to

(a) in writing, inform the Secretary of State of the decision;

(b) inform the public of the decision, by publishing a notice in a newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land is situated, or by such other means as are reasonable in the circumstances; and

(c) make available for public inspection at the place where the appropriate register (or relevant section of that register) is kept a statement containing:

  (i) the content of the decision and any conditions attached thereto;

  (ii) the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based; and

  (iii) a description, where necessary, of the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the development;

This statement, along with the relevant public notice, has been prepared to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 21.

This statement should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- The Planning Committee Report dated 01 November 2012.

- The Decision Notice dated 13 December 2013 and Environmental Statement, approved plans and documents.

This statement and the documents referred to above, together the notice are available on the County Council's web site (www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning - via our on-line Applications Register - enter the relevant application reference number – SM.09/14/113 M).

**1. The content of the decision and any conditions attached to it.**

For this information reference should be made to the Decision Notice which contains the conditions attached to the planning permission and refers to the approved documents (the Environmental Statement, plans and supporting documents).

**2. The main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based including information about the participation of the public**

This information is contained in the planning committee report ('Observations' section) where it was explained at paragraph 60 that:

> 'Having given careful consideration to the application, the supporting information, the environmental statement and environmental information subsequently received, the relevant development plan policies and other material considerations, the consultation responses and the representations referred to above, the key issues are considered to be:
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> - Mineral and other Planning Policy Considerations
> - Traffic
> - Working and Restoration
> - Need for a Legal Agreement
> - Other Matters raised in Consultations and Representations

It was concluded in paragraph 101 in the planning committee report, that:

> 'Overall, as an exercise of judgement, taking the relevant development plan policies as a whole and having given consideration to the application, the supporting information, the environmental information,

including the information subsequently received, the consultation responses, the representations and the other material considerations referred to above, it is reasonable to conclude that the proposed development is acceptable and should be permitted, subject to a Section 106 Legal Agreement and planning conditions recommended below. (as referred to in the report).

Details of the publicity

The report explained that the planning application was advertised by site notices and in the local press and the occupiers of nearby individual properties were notified by letter. Two representations have been received.

The responses were summarised in the 'Consultation Responses' and 'Publicity and Representations' sections, and considered in the 'Observations' section (paragraphs 59 to 94) of the planning committee report.

**3. The main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the development**

For this information reference should be made to the planning committee report ['Environmental Information' and 'Observations' sections, and to Appendix 1].

As explained above, the 'Observations' section to the planning committee report described the key issues taken into consideration in reaching a decision. Appendix 1 of the planning committee report summarised all the matters taken into account in the Environmental Statement (ES), including those measures intended to avoid, reduce and offset the major adverse effects of the development, which were as follows:

- Landscape and Visual
- Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Vibration
- Hydrology and Hydrogeology
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
- Traffic and Highways
- Heritage – Listed Buildings
- Restoration

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Date: 5 June 2017.