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Comments: Objection - Re: SMD/2019/0646 & SMD2022/0014 Development at Moneystone Quarry No.3 and
Water Outfall Construction.

My concerns are as follows:

1. In a letter to SMDC from the Environmental Agency (EA) dated 8 February 2022 they state the following,
“This revision was requested to mitigate the fact that catchments and surface water flows within the adjacent
Whiston Eaves SSSI have changed over time in response to the development of the quarry. Further to this, the
flows into the SSSI were typically approximately 25% greater historically than they are presently due to a
reduction in the catchment area and the diversion of surface run-off through the quarry.”

Within the application’s documentation there is no evidence or explanation for the 25% flow differences
associated with the EA assertion that raising the planned lake level by 2 metres will satisfactorily restore flows
to those necessary to sustain the future of the Whiston Eaves SSSI.

2. Prior to quarrying Stream A rose high on the adjoining hillside, some distance from the quarry. Since
quarrying blocked the direct route of the stream its catchment must now “discharge” in part into other adjacent
streams with the remainder diffusing into Quarry 3. Although there is some probable, additional diffusion
coming into Q3 from Quarry 1 (Q1) that is located at a nearby significantly higher level, there is no
confirmation in the application’s documentation that once Q1 is developed that the water flows into Q3 will be
maintained and that the raising of Q3 to AOD 156 will be enough to supply sufficient water for the future needs
of the Whiston Eaves SSSI.

3. The proposed development of Q1 in a Phase 2 of the construction in Moneystone Quarry, for which no
plans have yet been submitted, is nevertheless one of pertinence and of potentially severe impact, not least
because the scheme proposed for Q3 will probably need later amendment in order to accommodate any Phase 2
development. The very specific outfall level of AOD 156 for Q3 has been recommended without the EA having
any knowledge of a Phase 2 development and as such the EA advice may well be insufficient to adjudicate the
effects on Q3 of any permanent change in water levels. Q3 may well need a further rise in water levels in order
to maintain the required water flows through Whiston Eaves SSSI. This must be addressed before planning
permission is granted. It is an essential part of planning law that this is done.

4. Contamination of lake from cleaning operations: - Many people these days like to keep their cars clean
and given the potentially muddy nature of the surrounding rural roads. Any clients car cleaning waste water will
potentially contaminate the quarry lake (Q3) and eventually the Whiston Eaves SSSI via Stream A.

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