

Supplying a vital construction material

Limestone is essential to build and maintain our homes, hospitals, schools, roads and other low carbon infrastructure.

Demand continues to grow but UK reserves are depleting. At Whatley quarry our mineral bank is running out and it's becoming more challenging to extract what remains.

That's why we are seeking to update the existing planning conditions for our nearby Westdown quarry, which has permission for mineral extraction until 2042 but has not been operational since the 1980s.

Why Westdown?

Reopening Westdown will help secure the long-term supply of limestone and let Whatley, which is rail-linked, focus on supplying national demand by train. This will allow most of the HGV traffic to switch to Westdown, which is located on the Bulls Green Link Road, so quarry traffic will be diverted away from neighbouring villages.

Even with both quarries in operation, aggregate volumes and HGV movements would not exceed the current permitted levels for Whatley quarry.

Our application to Somerset County Council is focused on bringing the existing permissions for Westdown in line with modern environmental standards and quarrying practices. It includes extensive mitigation measures to reduce any potential impacts on local communities and the environment, while protecting Asham Wood.



Reopening Westdown quarry will secure supplies of limestone and serve local demand by road, allowing Whatley quarry to supply national projects by rail

