

## Supplying an essential construction material

### Limestone is essential to build and maintain our homes, hospitals, schools, roads as well as the infrastructure needed for a low carbon future.

Extracting limestone in Tytherington goes back over 150 years and the quarry's rail link first opened in the 1880s.

Today our quarry supplies around 1.8 million tonnes of aggregate per year for use in making ready-mixed and precast concrete products, as well as asphalt for use in road construction and maintenance.

More than 60 per cent of output is transported by rail, with the quarry supplying material to our rail depots in Oxfordshire, London and the south east of England, where there are no natural deposits of limestone. Transporting a tonne of material by rail, instead of road, cuts the associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by around two thirds, as well as helping to cut traffic by keeping lorries off the road.

We're committed to achieving net zero across our business by 2050 and we're making good progress.

We ensure the most efficient use of resources through high levels of materials' reuse and recycling as part of our commitment to growing the circular economy. But primary material, including limestone, is still needed to ensure building materials' strength, integrity and durability in a wide range of applications.

Limestone deposits at Tytherington quarry are becoming increasingly constrained. If approved, our proposals would help to maintain steady supplies as well as securing 37 jobs on site and many more in the supply chain.

