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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Heidelberg Materials, previously known as Hanson UK, plan to secure the continued extraction of all consented limestone reserves, and extraction of further unconsented reserves, within the existing footprint of Tytherington Quarry, near Thornbury, Bristol<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as 'the Proposed Scheme').

- 1.1.1. The limestone produced at Tytherington Quarry is considered a nationally significant resource to make ready-mixed concrete, precast concrete and asphalt used in road construction and maintenance. The existing rail link allows Tytherington Quarry to supply the wider UK markets, most notably London and the South East. Tytherington Quarry is the main supplier of aggregates for nationally significant infrastructure projects, such as Hinkley Point C and Crossrail links.
- 1.1.2. Tytherington Quarry currently comprises two historic quarries. Grovesend Quarry was the initial quarry to the north of Itchington Road and comprises the main quarry offices, weighbridge, processing plant and quarry railway sidings. Woodleaze Quarry is located to the south of Itchington Road and is only accessible from Grovesend Quarry via a tunnel underneath the railway. All mineral extraction is currently taking place within Woodleaze Quarry.
- 1.1.3. North Face Quarry, to the north of the Grovesend Quarry boundary, was previously exhausted but has been restored and is owned by FCC Environmental.



#### Figure 1-1 - Image of Tytherington Quarry Boundaries

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.google.com/maps/place/Heidelberg+Materials+Aggregates/@51.596672,-2.4970018,439m/

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1.1.4. Existing permitted mineral reserves at Tytherington Quarry total some 31 million tonnes (mt) – 11mt in Grovesend and 20mt in Woodleaze. All 11mt of permitted mineral reserves within Grovesend are constrained by existing operational and processing facilities and/or proposed new plant site and it is envisaged these would be extracted towards the end of the quarry's life once all reserves have been exhausted. Similarly, of the permitted mineral reserves within Woodleaze 9mt are constrained by the working method with mobile plant and proposed new plant requirements. As such, there are only 11mt of unconstrained accessible permitted mineral reserves remaining at Tytherington Quarry, all within Woodleaze. As such, although there are significant reserves within the consented area, they are increasingly constrained making extraction a challenge. For this reason, Heidelberg Materials is seeking permission to extract more readily accessible reserves of limestone within the existing quarry boundary.

#### 1.2 PROPOSALS

- 1.2.1. Heidelberg Materials is seeking to enable a change to the existing working method at Tytherington Quarry, to allow for the deepening of the Woodleaze area of the quarry to release an additional 3mt, as well as enable the extraction of a further 3mt from the southern part of the quarry, beneath the existing storage area. This will increase the site's overall mineral reserve by ensuring that all workable deposits at the permitted site can be extracted.
- 1.2.2. This will aid in securing the continuity of mineral supply and operations at Tytherington Quarry in the short to medium term and allow for sustainable mineral extraction.

#### 1.3 PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

- 1.3.1. Heidelberg Materials is seeking to gain permission by submitting two Section 73 planning applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (one for each of the two extant planning consents), accompanied by an overarching Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The applications seek an amendment to the extraction limits and working scheme at Tytherington allowing for the deepening of the Woodleaze area (extant consent NA/IDO/002/A) and a lateral extension into the consented soil store area (extant consent P93/2645).
- 1.3.2. Due to the nature of quarrying and its associated activities, Heidelberg Materials has carried out preapplication consultation with the public to gain feedback which will help to improve the robustness of the Proposed Scheme.

#### 1.4 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.4.1. The purpose of this Statement of Community Involvement is to outline the activities that took place to support the pre-application consultation and present the feedback received from the public. A project website, meetings with stakeholder groups, a public drop-in day and promotional materials were organised, to make responding to the consultation accessible to a wide range of stakeholders.
- 1.4.2. The feedback received, during the consultation period has been collated and summarised in this document, allowing Heidelberg Materials to respond to key concerns and use the feedback to improve the Proposed Scheme.

### 2 CONSULTATION PRINCIPLES

2.1.1. The principles followed throughout the consultation period were in line with national and local planning policy guidance, the Gunning Principles and Heidelberg Materials' commitment to being a good neighbour and corporate citizenship.

#### 2.2 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (2023)

2.2.1. The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the UK government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. With regard to pre-application engagement, it considers that early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. It further suggests that the more issues that can be resolved at pre-application stage, the greater the benefits.

#### 2.3 GUNNING PRINCIPLES

2.3.1. The Gunning Principles<sup>2</sup> are the governing legal rules that ensure consultation is a fair and worthwhile exercise. The principles are set out below alongside how they have been taken into consideration for the purposes of this consultation:

Gunning Principle	Evidence
Consultation must take place when the proposal is still at a formative stage.	This consultation exercise was carried out in the pre- application phase of the Proposed Scheme, allowing the feedback received from stakeholders to inform the planning application.
Sufficient reasons must be put forward for the proposal to allow for intelligent consideration and response.	Information about the Proposed Scheme was made available on Heidelberg Materials' community website for the quarry and at the drop-in day event.
	Consultation activity used appropriate and proportionate methods to engage with people constructively on the Proposed Scheme.
Adequate time must be given for consideration and response.	The consultation period ran for 15 days from 5 March 2024 until 20 March 2024. Multiple channels were made available for submitting feedback, including by email or post.
The product of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account.	Chapters 5 and 6 of this Statement of Community Involvement provide information on the feedback to the consultation, and how this has been considered in development of the Proposed Scheme.

#### Table 2-1 – Gunning Principles

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/The%20Gunning%20Principles.pdf</u>

#### 2.4 SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (2021)

2.4.1. South Gloucestershire Council's Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the Council involves local communities and other stakeholders in planning policy and planning applications. It also contains advice and guidance for developers on pre-application consultation and engagement for planning applications. For proposals for waste and minerals-related developments, it encourages applicants to discuss and agree proposals for public engagement with Council Officers, based on principles established for other forms of development.

#### 2.5 HEIDELBERG MATERIALS' CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP COMMITMENTS

2.5.1. Heidelberg Materials understands its license to operate is dependent on the good and trusting relationships with local stakeholders. "Being a good neighbour" is one of its goals published in 2017 as part of its Sustainability Commitments 2030 and justifies its aim to make social responsibility more strategically oriented. As part of the Sustainability Commitments 2030, tangible goals were set out that allow it to measure the quality of relationships with the communities at its locations, including fully integrating its social value policy and practices together with social value impact measurements.

#### **3 CONSULTATION APPROACH**

#### 3.1 OVERVIEW

- 3.1.1. The consultation period opened on 5 March 2024 and closed on 20 March 2024. The proposals, questionnaire and email contact for the project team were available to view online on the project website<sup>3</sup> for the duration of the consultation period.
- 3.1.2. Hard copies of the questionnaire were available at the drop-in day event on 6 March 2024 at Tytherington Village Hall. At the event members of the project team were present to answer questions.
- 3.1.3. The consultation materials conveyed the technical details of the proposals allowing informed responses to the questionnaire. Feedback was received in the form of the questionnaire and conversations at the in-person event.

#### 3.2 CONSULTATION MATERIALS

3.2.1. A range of consultation materials were developed. The materials were available to view online and at the drop-in event, during the consultation period.

#### **Event banners**

- 3.2.2. There were six banners on display at the event, which covered the following topics:
  - Our proposals
  - Supplying an essential construction material
  - Business as usual
  - Our approach
  - Benefits
  - What happens next?
- 3.2.3. Copies of the event banners are included from Appendix A3 to Appendix A8 of this document.

#### Questionnaire

- 3.2.4. The consultation questionnaire was designed to gather views and feedback on the Proposed Scheme. The questionnaire included a total of 7 questions, of which questions 1 and 2 related directly to the Proposed Scheme. Questions 3 to 7 were aimed at understanding the respondent's background and location.
- 3.2.5. Questions 1 and 2 were open questions, allowing text responses. The general topics raised in the text responses are summarised in this statement.
- 3.2.6. The questionnaire was available at the drop-in day event and a digital copy was available on the project website. Screenshots of the online questionnaire can be found in Appendix A2 of this document.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry/pre-application-consultation</u>



#### 3.3 CONSULTATION PROMOTION

3.3.1. The following activities were undertaken to raise awareness of the consultation and inform the public about the Proposed Scheme.

#### Leaflet

- 3.3.2. A leaflet was produced to promote the consultation and drop-in day event. The leaflet was door dropped by hand within the vicinity of Tytherington Quarry, from Shellards Lane to Milbury Heath and covering Tytherington village.
- 3.3.3. A copy of the leaflet, and a map of its distribution area, is included in Appendix B1 and Appendix B2 of this document.

#### Poster

- 3.3.4. A poster advertising the time and location of the drop-in day event was distributed to South Gloucestershire Council and host and neighbouring Parish Councils for display, on 21 February 2024.
- 3.3.5. The host and neighbouring Parish Councils who were provided the poster were:
  - Tytherington Parish Council
  - Alveston Parish Council
  - Thornbury Parish Council
  - Iron Acton Parish Council
  - Falfield Parish Council
  - Cromhall Parish Council
- 3.3.6. A copy of the poster can be found in Appendix B3 of this document.

#### **Press Release**

- 3.3.7. A press release was issued on 23 February 2024 and received coverage on the My Thornbury and Cromhall local websites. It included promotion of the drop-in day event, the consultation and a summary of the proposals included quotes from the project team.
- 3.3.8. A newspaper article was published on the Gazette series website on 26 February 2024, which covers the Gloucestershire, Thornbury, Yate, and Sodbury areas. The article included promotion of the event and consultation, a summary of the Proposed Scheme, and information about the history of Tytherington Quarry.
- 3.3.9. Copies of the press release and the articles providing coverage of it can be found in Appendix B4 to Appendix B7 of this document.

#### Letters to Tytherington Liaison Group Members

- 3.3.10. Letters were sent to the members of the Tytherington Liaison Group Members on 21 February 2024. These included a summary of the Proposed Scheme and anticipated timeline for the submission of the planning application, a link to the website, information about the questionnaire and the date, time and location of the drop-in event.
- 3.3.11. The letters were also forwarded, by email, to the host and neighbouring Parish Councils and the South Gloucestershire Councillors for the Frampton Cotterell ward.
- 3.3.12. A copy of this letter is included in Appendix B8 of this document.



#### 3.4 DROP-IN DAY EVENT

- 3.4.1. The drop-in day event was held on 6 March 2024 at Tytherington Village Hall, between 12:00 and 20:00. The event was open to local stakeholders and members of the public, and approximately 80 attendees visited the event.
- 3.4.2. Five questionnaires were received on the day and conversation points were captured by the project team to be included with the rest of the feedback.
- 3.4.3. After the drop-in day event, a press release was published on 11 March 2024 reporting on the attendance of the drop-in event and highlighted that members of the public could provide feedback until the close of the consultation period. A copy of this press release is included in Appendix B9 of this document.



#### Figure 3-1 - Tytherington Village Hall event on 6 March 2024

#### 3.5 MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- 3.5.1. Statutory and technical stakeholders were emailed on 21 February 2024 to invite them to a Microsoft Teams meeting to gain feedback on the Proposed Scheme. The email included a summary of the Proposed Scheme, the drop-in day event, and a link to the Tytherington Quarry community website.
- 3.5.2. A meeting was held on 14 March 2024 with the Environment Agency, which covered a number of topics on the Proposed Scheme, including hydrological controls, dewatering and discharges, licensing, and the restoration plans.
- 3.5.3. A meeting was held with Cllr Chris Willmore, South Gloucestershire Council Cabinet Member (Policy Holder) for Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure on 13 February 2024.
- 3.5.4. A meeting was held with Luke Hall MP on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022 about the long-term future of the quarry before the specific 6mt application was defined.
- 3.5.5. The quarterly Tytherington Quarry liaison group meetings (which have been held since October 2022) have included regular updates from the Heidelberg Materials team, recently including the 6mt application. All minutes from these meetings are available to view on the community website<sup>4</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>https://www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry/liaison-group</u>

#### 4 FEEDBACK MECHANISMS AND ANALYSIS

- 4.1.1. Feedback could be received during the consultation period through different channels, including via the online questionnaire, the physical questionnaire submitted at the event, and through informal methods such as conversations and emails to the project team.
- 4.1.2. This section outlines the feedback channels and how the information gathered from the responses were organised.

#### 4.2 HOW COULD THE PUBLIC PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

- 4.2.1. Hard copies of the questionnaire were made available at the drop-in day event and feedback was primarily collected by submitting the questionnaire at the event. An online version of the questionnaire was available on the project website.
- 4.2.2. Conversations with the project team at the drop-in day were noted and are included in the feedback analysis.
- 4.2.3. Partially filled in questionnaires are considered in the feedback analysis.

#### 4.3 NUMBER OF RESPONSES RECEIVED

4.3.1. In total, 5 responses were received, all of which were submitted at the drop-in event on 6 March 2024. No responses were received via the online questionnaire on the project website.

#### 4.4 PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

4.4.1. The submitted questionnaires did not include answers to the questions that would help us to build a profile of the respondents, such as their address. The conversations between attendees and project team members at the drop-in event indicate that most attendees were local residents.

#### 4.5 DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

4.5.1. Information received from the questionnaire submissions and notes from conversations held at the drop-in event have been categorised into themes based on the topics raised. Since there was a small number of submissions and conversation notes don't distinguish individual conversations, a qualitative approach has been taken to organise topics.

#### 5 OVERVIEW OF COMMENTS RECEIVED

- 5.1.1. The comments received during the consultation period have been categorised based on whether they were shared in conversation during the drop-in day event or shared via the questionnaire.
- 5.1.2. Separate overviews are provided in the sub-sections below.

#### 5.2 IN-PERSON CONVERSATIONS

5.2.1. The following table (Table 5-1) outlines the topics that were raised in conversation at the drop-in event on 6 March 2024. The comments relating to each topic are summarised in the 'Description' column.

Торіс	Description
Blasting - Noise and Vibration	Concerns about noise and vibration from blasting being disruptive and causing aftershocks, affecting Itchington, Shellards Lane and The Jays (to the northeast of the quarry).
Flooding	Concerns about flooding and drainage issues being exacerbated by additional extraction at the quarry. Especially towards Itchington village and Ladden Brook.
Road Conditions	Concerns about dust and mud on the road outside of the Quarry on Itchington Road, causing poor driving conditions.
Driving Behaviour	Concerns about car drivers, in general, exhibiting unsafe driving behaviour, such as speeding through Itchington Road.
Increased Level of Traffic	Concerns that there will be increased rail and road movements.
Mitigation to Screen	Comments requesting that mitigation and tree planting measures are shared with residents.
Realigning Itchington Road	Concerns that realigning Itchington Road will impact access to and from Itchington village.

#### Table 5-1 – Topics from in-person conversations

5.2.2. During the event an attendee asked for follow up regarding the approved restoration plan for Tytherington Quarry. The project team shared the restoration plan via email on 19 March 2024.



#### 5.3 QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

- 5.3.1. The table set out overleaf (Table 5-2) outlines the topics that were raised in response to questions 1 and 2 of the questionnaire. The topics are taken from open text responses. The comments relating to each topic are summarised in the 'Description' column. The two questions were:
  - Q1: Please use the space below to tell us your thoughts on our proposals.
  - Q2: Are there any areas of our proposals that you would like more information about?

Торіс	Description
Support	Supportive of the Proposed Scheme.
Neutral	Have no opinion on the Proposed Scheme.
Supportive of the Drop-In Event	Positive feedback about the drop-in event. Attendees found the event informative.
Flooding	Concerns about flooding and drainage issues being exacerbated by additional extraction and any future expansion of the quarry.
Driving Behaviour	Concerns about Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) and car drivers exhibiting unsafe driving behaviour, such as wide turns outside of the quarry and speeding through Itchington Road.
Fly-tipping	Request for more information regarding using CCTV to see fly- tipping activities.
Local Involvement	Suggestion to implement a viewing platform for the public to watch the blasting.

Table 5-2 – Topics from Questionnaire Responses
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#### 6 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED

- 6.1.1. The consultation allowed the local community, stakeholders, and the general public to give their views about the Proposed Scheme for Tytherington Quarry. The questionnaire allowed respondents to express their opinions freely by asking open ended questions.
- 6.1.2. Analysing the feedback from the 5 questionnaire responses and conversations at the drop-in event, some key issues were raised across both channels, including flooding and drivers' behaviour.
- 6.1.3. Other key issues include issues with noise from blasting, concerns about increased traffic from the proposals, and road conditions.

#### 6.2 FLOODING

6.2.1. Flooding was a key issue that was raised during conversations and in the questionnaire responses. The main concern was that current drainage issues which lead to flooding on Itchington Road and Laddon Brook would be exacerbated by additional extraction at the quarry.

#### 6.3 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

6.3.1. Drivers speeding along Itchington Road was an issue that came up in conversations and in the questionnaire responses. These concerns included HGV drivers taking wide turns out of the quarry and safety concerns, but the behaviour of car drivers in general, was a recurring concern. This concern also tied into additional concerns regarding the road conditions.

#### 6.4 OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 6.4.1. **Road Conditions** Concerns regarding dust and mud along Itchington Road were raised during conversations at the drop-in event. Attendees believed this was caused by the vehicles from the quarry using Itchington Road and was a safety concern. The project team shared these concerns with the Heidelberg team.
- 6.4.2. **Blasting Noise complaints** Noise and vibration complaints related to the blasting activities were raised during conversations at the drop-in event. An attendee was concerned that the vibrations were causing property damage. The project team shared these concerns with the Heidelberg team.
- 6.4.3. **Increased traffic movements** Some attendees voiced concern about an increase in traffic along Itchington Road, in relation to the increased activity that would come from additional extraction at the quarry. An attendee also raised concerns regarding increased rail movements resulting from additional extraction at the quarry.

#### 6.5 RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED

The table overleaf (Table 6-1) includes Heidelberg Materials' response to the issues raised by the public, during the consultation period.

Topics	Nature of comments	Heidelberg Materials' response
Flooding	Concerns about flooding and drainage issues being exacerbated by additional extraction at the quarry. Especially towards Itchington village and Ladden Brook.	The water assessment undertaken to support the planning application has concluded there would be no significant adverse effects in terms of flooding and/or drainage issues.
transportand car drivers, in general, exhibiting unsafe driving behaviour, such as wide turns outside of the quarry andreviewing the whit quarry's junction of Road to ensure the		The site management team is reviewing the white lines at the quarry's junction onto Tytherington Road to ensure they are clear and/or to arrange that they are repainted if required.
	Concerns that there will be increased rail and road movements, along Itchington Road, in relation to the increased activity that would come from additional extraction at the quarry.	No changes are proposed to the permitted rail and road movements at the quarry.
	Concerns that realigning Itchington Road will impact access to and from Itchington village. Concerns that the phasing of the lights at the junction of Tytherington road and the A38 means that often residents can be stuck behind quarry HGVs. As these vehicles take longer to get going when the lights go green, residents end up being held up longer than necessary.	No changes to the alignment of Itchington Road are proposed. The site management team is liaising with South Gloucestershire Council Highways Team to raise this issue and to ask if rephasing of the traffic lights is possible.
road outside of the quarry on Itchington Road, causing poor driving conditions.		A new wheelwash for the site is planned with the planned investment progressing through the company's capital investment processes.
	Concerns about noise and vibration from blasting being disruptive and causing aftershocks, affecting Itchington, Shellards Lane and The Jays (to the northeast of the quarry).	A text and email blast notification service for local residents is set to be launched (May 2024). This free service includes a weekly update setting out planned blast times for the week ahead, plus a follow up

#### Table 6-1 – Heidelberg Materials' response to issues raised

Topics	Nature of comments	Heidelberg Materials' response
		notification approximately half an hour before each blast takes place. Heideberg Materials' experience at other sites highlights that advance nortifications of blasts helps to provide reassurance to local communities. Details of blasts (including average Peak Particle Velocity and air overpressure) is also shared at the quarterly community liaison group with information minuted and shared to the community website.
	Suggestion to implement a viewing platform for the public to watch the blasting.	Given the layout of the current quarry boundary and views into the quarry from the existing Public Rights of Way, this is not currently feasible. Nor could it be intergrated into the proposed 6mt extension scheme. However, the site management team has recognised that this should be a long term aspiration and will examine possible approaches for any future applications.
Mitigation	Comments requesting that mitigation and tree planting measures are shared with residents.	Updated information on tree planting was provided at our recent liasion meeting. This will be covered in the minutes which are posted to the community website. The site team will ensure that this, along with the development of mitigation measures for the proposed scheme, if approved, is covered in the regular environmental, landscape and biodiversity update agenda item at the community liaison meetings. In addition, revised and extended Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are in development which will shortly be posted to the community website. These will include updates on tree planting etc.
Security	Request for more information regarding using CCTV to see fly-tipping activities.	Installing CCTV cameras covering the Itchington road is not feasible. However, the site team are

Topics	Nature of comments	Heidelberg Materials' response
		investigating regular monitoring of the area so that any flytipping noted can be reported to the relevant authorities.

### 7 NEXT STEPS

- 7.1.1. Heidelberg Materials will carefully consider all comments received during the consultation period and will use these comments to inform the next steps of the Proposed Scheme.
- 7.1.2. The feedback received will also be used to improve operational activities at Tytherington Quarry.

# **Appendix A**

### CONSULTATION MATERIALS

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#### Appendix A1: Screenshots of the pre application consultation website.

https://www.communities.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/en/sites/tytherington-quarry/pre-application-consultation



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#### Appendix A2: Screenshot of Questionnaire from the pre application consultation website.

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extend the extraction areas wit	ant to know what you think abou hin the existing boundary at Tyt before 23.59 on 20 March 2024.			
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Appendix A3: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 1 – Our Proposals.



### Our proposals for Tytherington quarry

#### Welcome to our public exhibition on our plans to extend limestone extraction within the existing planning boundaries at Tytherington quarry.

This would see the extraction of material from the southern part of the quarry under the existing soil store as well as the deepening of the Woodleaze area.

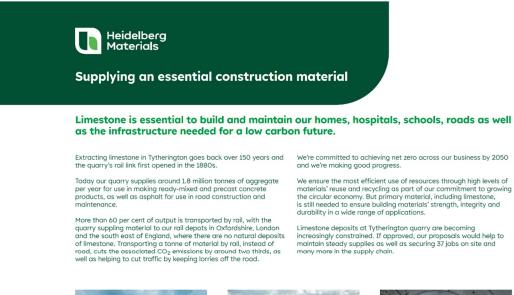
If approved, it would allow us to make the most of existing reserves, providing around 6 million tonnes of additional limestone, to be worked within the already consented timeframe for the quarry.

Proposed new extraction areas within Tytherington quarry



We're here today to provide information on these proposals, answer your questions and ask for your feedback.

Appendix A4: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 2 – Supplying an essential construction material.









Appendix A5: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 3 – Business as usual.



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Appendix A6: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 4 – Our approach.



#### **Our approach**

Our approach has been designed to reduce the impact of our operations on the environment and near neighbours. It has been shaped by the findings of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which identifies possible impacts and how they can be mitigated. The EIA covers a wide range of topics, including:

Ecology Heidelberg Materials has committed to allocating at least 15% of all active quarry sites for Space for Nature by 2030. Our sites for space for Nature by 2000. Our plans are guided by this and aim to enhance fauna and flora, including protecting and enhancing wildlife corridors, translocating hedgerows where possible, and planting new woodland, hedgerows and wildflower banks.

Blasting and ground vibration The UK has very strict regulations controlling blasting, with modern blasting and drilling techniques designed to minimise vibration and air over pressure. Tytherington quarry already compiles with these strict blasting protocols in its existing permission, and this means that there is no risk to people or property property.

Our specialist modelling indicates that excavating at deeper levels in Woodleaze, and in the former soil store, will not impact on how blasts are experienced by our near neighbours.

#### Dust

The potential dust effects from quarries are well understood and are already tightly managed via stringent regulatory controls. These controls will remain in place. Noise The topography of the area around Tytherington quarry, the creation of additional screening bunds, plus the augmentation of existing bunds, means operational noise will continue to be well within the recommended limits at key receptor locations.

Ground and surface water managemen No significant effects are anticipated in relation to the management of the water environment.

#### Protecting views

Views into the quarry are limited and our proposed mitigation measures are designed to retain and enhance the character of the to retain and enhance the character of the local landscape. We'll reshape and revegetate the new screening bunds and quarry standoff areas to further screen our operations from nearby properties and users of Public Rights of Way.

#### Traffic and transport These proposals are about sustaining

Tythering supplies of limestone from Tytherington quarry. This means there will be no change to the current volumes of HGV traffic, nor on the aggregate volumes transported by rail.

Restoration Restoration is a key part of our mineral operations, and we are well known for delivering exemplar schemes.

The approved restoration principles for The approved restoration principles for Tytherington remains unchanged, with worked-out parts of the site restored while extraction continues elsewhere in the quarry. This progressive approach will see the quarry restored to a deep-water body with a mix of woodland and grassland habitat on the upper benches.



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Appendix A7: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 5 – Benefits.



- Secure steady, sustainable supplies of limestone.
- Protect the jobs of 37 on-site employees and many more in the supply chain.
- Sustain the use of rail to transport aggregate, helping to reduce HGV's on the road as well as the associated carbon emissions.
- Continue the financial contribution we make to local services through business rates and contribution to the local economy.
- Continue to provide a significant biodiversity gain through our proposed mitigation measures and progressive restoration approach.



#### Being a good neighbour

We aim to play a positive part in the communities in which we operate, including supporting community initiatives, such as the Alveston pump track project.

We are also committed to being open and transparent in our communication.

Our aim is to be a leading sustainable business, trusted and respected for the ethics we adopt and the products we supply.



Appendix A8: Exhibition Banner from the 6 March 2024 Drop-In Event. Banner 6 – What happens next.





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To secure long-term reserves of limestone at Tytherington quarry, we're having talks with SGC.

It's early days and subject to the outcome of the council's Local Development Plan, but developing the quarry beyond the existing boundary is likely to take place in phases in a south westerly direction.

Going forward, we'll keep the local community informed and will seek views ahead of making any future planning applications.







# **Appendix B**

### CONSULTATION PUBLICITY

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#### Appendix B1: Leaflet promoting the consultation and drop-in event.

#### Having your say

We hope you can attend our public exhibition on Wednesday 06 March 2024 at Tytherington Village Hall, where members of our team will be on hand between 12.00 and 20.00 to provide more detail.

More information on our proposals will also be added to our Tytherington community website in the coming weeks.

#### heidelbergmaterials.co.uk/Tytherington

Your feedback is important to us and will help us shape our final plans. You can provide feedback at our event, or via our website. The deadline for responses is **23.59 on 20 March 2024.** 





Tytherington quarry has been supplying much-needed building materials for use in the construction and maintenance of homes, schools, hospitals and roads for nearly 100 years. To make the most of existing reserves, Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hanson UK), is now seeking permission to extract additional limestone from within Tytherington's existing boundary.

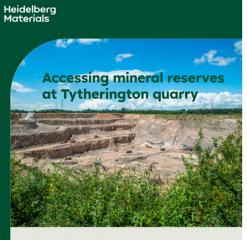
This would see the extraction of material from the southern part of the quarry under the existing soil store as well as the deepening of the Woodleaze area. Combined, this would provide around 6 million tonnes of additional limestone.

Our approach is to prioritise all Our approach is to prioritise all workable deposits of limestone within the existing quarry. Both proposed extension areas fall within Tytherington quarry's boundary, but outside the current permitted area for mineral extraction. That's why we are now seeking approval to extend our operations into the current soil store and extracting deeper in Woodleaze. Environment and restoration An independent Environmental Impact Assessment (ELA) will accompany our application and has been carried out to identify any potential impacts of our proposals and how they can be mitigated. The approved principle of the restoration scheme for Tytherington

Overburden and soil, previously stored within the soil store, will be moved elsewhere within the confines of the quarry, and retained for use in restoration. In Woodleaze, we would develop three additional quarry benches. Mineral will continue to be processed via mobile processing

Our proposals Beyond the quarry gate, our neighbours will see little change as result of this application and for us, it's business as usual. Use provide the set of the set of

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We are holding a public drop-in event to set out proposals to access additional reserves within the existing boundary of the quarry.

Please join us on Wednesday 06 March 2024 between 12.00 – 20.00 at:

Tytherington Village Hall Itchington Rd Tytherington **GL12 8QE** 

Members of our team will be on hand to answer your questions.

All welcome.

#### **Immediate next steps**

Immediate next steps After reviewing the feedback on our current plans from local people and other stakeholders, we'll finalise our proposals before submitting a planning application to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC). SGC will then consult with statutory bodies and invite comments from residents before making its decision.

If approved, these proposals would secure around three years of additional mineral reserves, to be extracted within the already consented timeframe at Tytherington quarry.

Being part of SGC's future Every council must have identified mineral reserves to provide the construction materials essential to society's current and future needs. Like all quarry operators, Heidelberg



That's why we are currently in discussions with SGC about the quarry's long-term future and how it may dovetail with the council's work on its Local Development Plan (LDP). It's early days, but any future expansion is likely to be in a south-westerly direction, subject to SGC's plan.

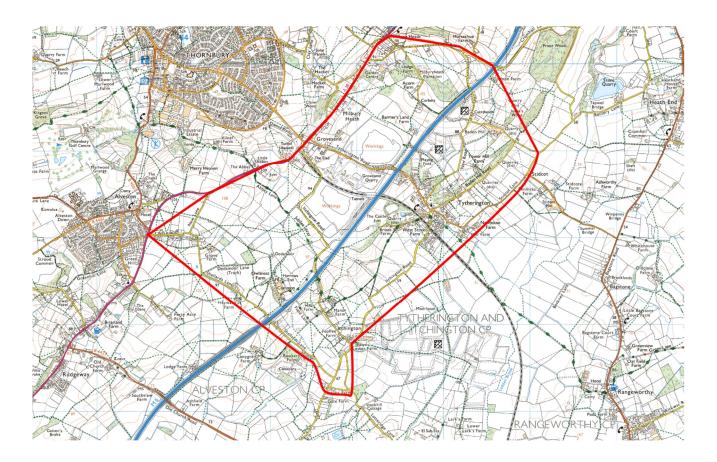
Going forward, we'll keep the local community informed. And, just as we are with these current proposals, we'll seek the public's views chead of making any future planning application, beyond what we're seeking feedback on now.



Proposed new extraction areas within Tytherington guarry

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Appendix B2: Map of the leaflet postal distribution area.



Appendix B3: Poster promoting the 6 March 2024 drop-in event. Distributed to South Gloucestershire Council and local parish councils.



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Appendix B4: Press release promoting the consultation and the 6 March 2024 drop in event.



23 February 2024

### All welcome at drop-in event on plans to access additional reserves at Tytherington quarry

- Heidelberg Materials UK is holding a public drop-in event on plans to access additional reserves within Tytherington quarry's existing planning boundaries.
- Event is being held on 06 March between 12.00 and 20.00 at Tytherington Village Hall.
- Feedback from local people will help shape final plans, to be submitted to South Gloucestershire Council this spring.

Heidelberg Materials UK is holding a public drop-in event to set out its plans to access additional limestone reserves within the existing planning boundaries at its Tytherington quarry in South Gloucestershire.

The consultation event is being held on Wednesday 06 March 2024 from 12.00 until 20.00 at Tytherington Village Hall, Itchington Road, GL12 8QE. It will provide local people with the opportunity to talk to members of the company's development team and provide feedback on the proposals ahead of an application being submitted to South Gloucestershire Council this spring.

Tytherington quarry has been supplying much-need building materials for nearly 100 years. To make the most of existing reserves, Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hanson UK) is now seeking permission to extract additional limestone from within the quarry's existing planning boundaries.

This would see the deepening of the Woodleaze area as well as the extraction of material from the southern part of the quarry, under the existing soil store. Combined, this would provide around six million tonnes of additional limestone, to be extracted within the existing consented timeframes.

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#### **Press Release**

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"If our proposals are approved, it will allow us to make the most sustainable use of existing reserves. Beyond the quarry gate our neighbours will see little change as a result of this application and, for us, it would be business as usual.

"We look forward to welcoming local people to our exhibition, answering any questions they may have and listening to feedback that can help us shape our final plans."

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### Appendix B5: Coverage on the My Thornbury website. Promoting the 6 March 2024 drop-in event.

https://mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/e/50091/tytherington-quarry-public



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www.heidelbergmaterials.com/en

#### Venue information

Tytherington Village Hall Itchington Road, Tytherington

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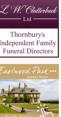




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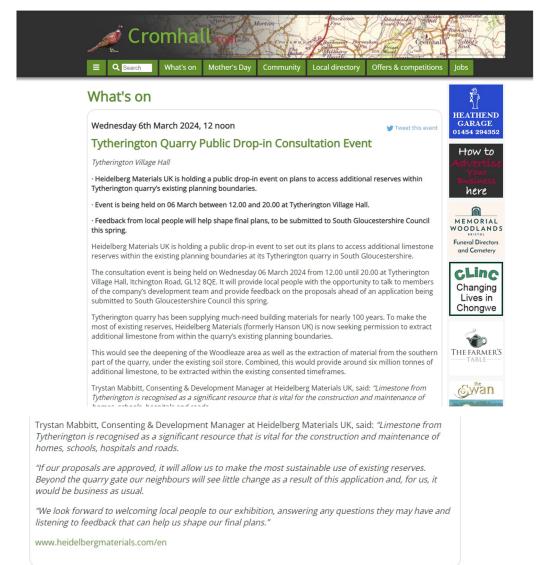




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Appendix B6: Coverage on the Cromhall website. Promoting the 6 March 2024 drop-in event.

#### https://cromhall.com/



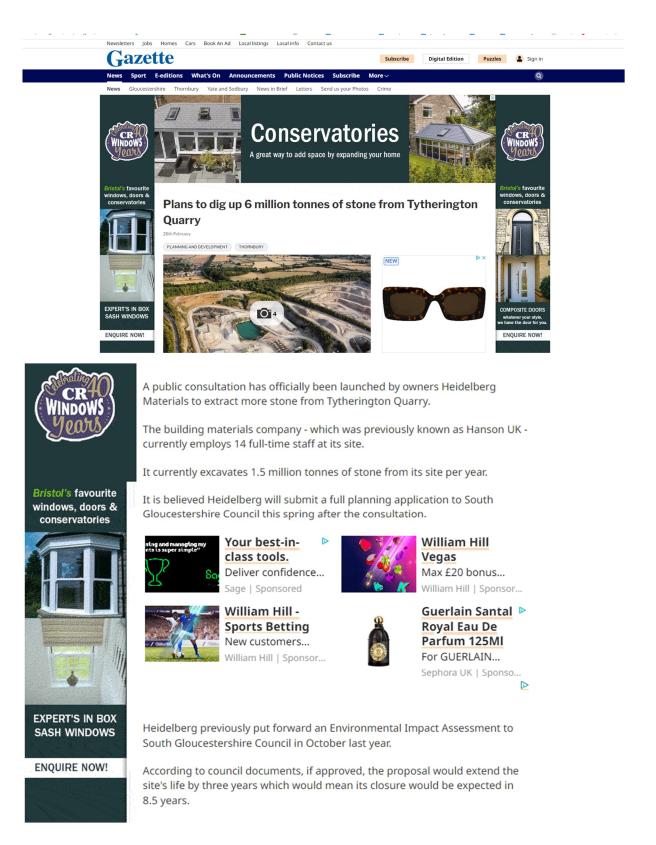
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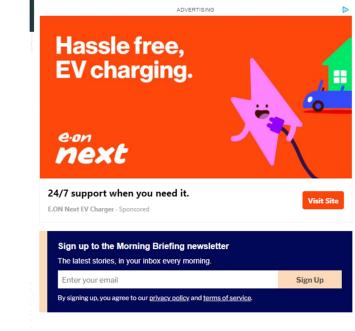


#### Appendix B7: Coverage in the Thornbury Gazette. Published on 26 February 2024.

https://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/24144348.plans-dig-6-million-tonnes-stone-tytheringtonguarry/



In planning documents, Heidelberg describes Tytherington as one of its flagship sites in the country with limestone quarried there being used in major projects such as Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset and HS2.



It is hoped materials from Tytherington will also be used in the proposed Buckover garden village in Thornbury and potentially Sizewell C nuclear power station in East Suffolk.

The historic Tytherington site first opened in 1872 and was closed from 2013

Heidelberg say they want to focus on the Woodleaze area of the quarry to release an additional three million tonnes.

Meanwhile, a southern area is expected to release another three million tonnes.

Building materials have been extracted from the site for more than 100 years including carboniferous limestone, blue pennant sandstone, red sandstone and oolitic limestone.





Trystan Mabbitt, development manager at Heidelberg Materials UK, said neighbours won't see much change as a result of their plans.

He said: "Limestone from Tytherington is recognised as a significant resource that is vital for the construction and maintenance of homes, schools, hospitals and roads.

"If our proposals are approved, it will allow us to make the most sustainable use of existing reserves.

"Beyond the quarry gate our neighbours will see little change as a result of this application and, for us, it would be business as usual.

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A drop-in public meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, March 6 between 12pm and 8pm at Tytherington village hall.

Appendix B8: Letter to Tytherington Liaison Group members promoting the 6 March 2024 drop-in event.



#### **Heidelberg Materials**

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21 February 2024

#### Subject: Pre-application consultation re proposals for Tytherington quarry

Dear Tytherington liaison group member

As set out at our recent meeting, we have been developing proposals to access additional reserves within the existing boundary of Tytherington quarry. These would see the deepening of the Woodleaze area, as well as the extraction of material from the southern part of the quarry under the existing soil store. Combined, this would provide around 6 million tonnes of additional limestone, to be extracted within the existing consented timeframes.

Beyond the quarry gate, our neighbours will see little change as a result of this application and for us, it's business as usual.

Ahead of submitting plans to South Gloucestershire Council this spring, we are holding a public pre-application consultation event in **Tytherington Village Hall on Wednesday 06 March between 12.00-20.00.** Attached is an invitation to this dropin session which is currently being door-dropped to homes in Tytherington, The Slad and Itchington areas. Do feel free to share with your contacts as well.

All information shared at the event will also be posted to <u>Heidelberg Materials</u> <u>Tytherington quarry community website</u> after the event. Members of the public will be able to submit feedback on the proposals, either at the event itself or online afterwards.

After reviewing responses received and finalising our proposals, it is anticipated that a planning application will be made to South Gloucestershire Council (the Mineral Planning Authority) later this spring.

We hope to be able to welcome you to our drop-in on the 06 March. If you have any queries on this, or any other issue, in the meantime, please do get in touch by emailing us at: <u>Tytheringtonquarryenquiries@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com</u>

#### Kind regards

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Appendix B9: Post-event press release published on 11 March 2024.



11 March 2024

### Have your say on plans to access additional reserves at Tytherington quarry

- Heidelberg Materials UK held a public drop-in event to outline proposals to extract limestone from additional reserves within Tytherington quarry's existing planning boundary.
- The quarry has permissions to extract limestone until 2042, but remaining reserves are constrained.
- If approved, the proposals would help to maintain steady supplies of limestone for use in construction.
- The public can provide feedback on the proposals until 20 March 2024.

Over 80 residents and local stakeholders attended Heidelberg Materials' public exhibition about its plans to access additional limestone reserves at its Tytherington quarry in South Gloucestershire.

The consultation event, held on Wednesday 06 March 2024 at Tytherington Village Hall, set out the company's proposals to quarry limestone from two additional areas within the existing quarry's planning boundary. Deepening the Woodleaze part of the quarry, as well as extracting material from under the existing soil store, would provide around six million tonnes of additional limestone, to be extracted within the existing consented timeframe, which runs to 2042.

Trystan Mabbitt, Consenting & Development Manager at Heidelberg Materials UK, said: "We valued the opportunity to set out our proposals and answer questions. Our dialogue with local people has been very constructive and feedback received will help us to finalise our plans.

"Going forward, Tytherington quarry, which is one of only a handful of rail-connected sites, will remain strategically important. Significant reserves remain, but the challenge is that they are becoming more constrained. That's why we're seeking permission to extract more readily accessible reserves of limestone from within the existing boundary. If approved, these two additional areas would allow us to continue to operate in the most efficient way, helping to secure steady supplies."

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#### **Press Release**

Details about the proposals shared at the exhibition are available to view on Heidelberg Materials' <u>Tytherington quarry community website</u> and people can upload their comments on the proposals until 23.59 on 20 March 2024.

Heidelberg Materials expects to submit its final plans to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) later this spring. SGC will then consult with statutory bodies and invite comments from local residents before making its decision.

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