

Contact: Please contact the Local Planning Authority

Date: 28 June 2024

Dear Local Planning Authority,

Thank you for inviting the Lead Local Flood Authority to comment on the below application.

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application Number:	LCC/2024/0013
Proposal:	Amendment to conditions 1,2,4,6, 40 and 41 of planning permission ref 01/03/1185 to permit an extension in the depth of the quarry to -37m AOD, continued working of the quarry until 31st December 2064 with interim restoration by 31st December 2065 and final restoration by 31st December 2078 and consequent amendments to the working scheme and restoration proposals.
Location:	Leapers Wood Quarry, Kellet Road, Carnforth, LA6 1BP

The Lead Local Flood Authority is a statutory consultee for major developments with surface water drainage, under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. It is in this capacity this response is compiled.

Comments provided in this representation, including conditions, are advisory and it is the decision of the Local Planning Authority whether any such recommendations are acted upon. The comments given have been composed based on the extent of the knowledge of the Lead Local Flood Authority and information provided with the application at the time of this response.

Lead Local Flood Authority Position

The Lead Local Flood Authority has **no objection** to the above application.

The surface water drainage aspects of the proposed expansion and restoration should comply with the principles set out in the Flood Risk Assessment (3037/FRA, Version F1, 4th April 2024, Hafren Water). It must be ensured that the combined discharge rate from both Back Lane and Leapers Wood quarries to the Back Lane Lagoon Sink, and/or Leapers Wood Sinkhole, and/or the Back Lane French Drain does not exceed the

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equivalent greenfield rate of 232 l/s during any phase of the expansion, including restoration.

The final, detailed design for the surface water drainage associated with the restoration phase should be secured via an appropriate pre-restoration condition.

For the avoidance of doubt, we have not considered the impacts of/on groundwater as this is outside of our statutory remit. The Local Planning Authority should satisfy itself that the impacts of the expansion on groundwater and groundwater flood risk have been fully accounted for over the lifetime of the quarries and can be safely managed.

Lead Local Flood Authority – General Advice

The Lead Local Flood Authority's general advice is provided through the [Lancashire SuDS Pro-forma and accompanying guidance](#). All applications for major development are expected to follow this guidance and submit a completed SuDS pro-forma.

What this response DOES NOT cover

This response does not cover highway drainage, matters pertaining to highway adoption (s38 Highways Act 1980) and/or off-site highway works (s278 Highways Act 1980). Should the applicant intend to install any sustainable drainage systems under or within close proximity to a public road network (existing or proposed), then they would need to separately discuss the use and suitability of those systems with the relevant highway authority.

The applicant is encouraged to discuss the suitability of any overland flow routes and/or flood water exceedance with the relevant highway authority should they have the potential to impact the public highway network and/or public highway drainage infrastructure (either existing or proposed).

Material Changes or Additional Information to this Planning Application

If there are any material changes to the submitted information or additional information provided after this Lead Local Flood Authority response to the Local Planning Authority which impact surface water, the Local Planning Authority is advised to re-consult the Lead Local Flood Authority. Please be aware this will be classed as a re-consultation with a full 21-day response time. Re-consultations should be sent to our identified mailbox.

Please note that should the Local Planning Authority make a decision on this application contrary to our advice, then we will be unable to support this application in an appeal or at any future discharge of conditions stage relating to conditions that the Lead Local Flood Authority have not recommended.

Please send a copy of the decision notice to our identified mailbox.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Wadley

Lead Local Flood Authority

