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Dear Jonathan,

Newburgh Parish Council has reviewed the documentation you have forwarded relating to historical and current planning permissions/applications for Round O Quarry. We are concerned at the apparent lack of formal monitoring after 2013 and the absence of annual topographical surveys that presumably should have indicated when the quarry was nearing full capacity. Instead, the quarry has been overfilled and, as you observe, this raises questions about drainage.

Our major concern is that we have no evidence that the environmental monitoring checks required under the relevant Environmental Agency permits have been undertaken. Is it possible to provide such evidence? There have been visual observations of some brown coloured effluent seeping around the edges of the quarry. This has also been observed further downstream at Mughouse Farm. There are also areas of barren farmland at the base of the quarry. There are concerns that materials deposited within the quarry may have resulted in contamination into the local area. The Parish Council would wish to see demonstrable evidence that this is natural and not a result of quarry activities.

The village suffers from excess surface water during periods of intense rain and it is questioned whether the volume of flood water downstream of the quarry may be aggravated by drainage and activities from the quarry. Investigation and evidence from LCC or the Environment Agency is requested either to prove or disprove these observations.

It is our view that no permission should be granted to Inglenorth under planning application LCC/2022/0014 in the absence of this information. We will make a formal comment at a later stage but would appreciate your further information in the meantime.

Regards

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Chris Moore
Chair
Newburgh Parish Council