

Application Number:	2013/375 & 2013/378	Application Type:	Full
Proposal:	Bury MBC & LCC consultation for Revised Restoration Scheme for the northern part of the quarry, involving the further importation of inert waste (950,000 cubic metres, up to December 2036)	Location:	Fletcher Bank Quarry, Manchester Road, Ramsbottom
Report of:	Planning Unit Manager	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Development Control Committee	Date:	9 October 2013
Applicant:	Peel Environmental Ltd & Marshalls Mono Ltd	Determination Expiry Date:	Not applicable
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HUMAN RIGHTS

The relevant provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights have been taken into account in the preparation of this report, particularly the implications arising from the following rights:-

Article 8

The right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence.

Article 1 of Protocol 1

The right of peaceful enjoyment of possessions and protection of property.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Bury MBC and Lancashire County Council be advised that this Council has no objection to the Revised Restoration Scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

These applications relate to a site of approximately 4.9ha. Marshalls Mono own the southern half of Fletcher Bank Quarry and the concrete works, whilst Peel own the northern half of the quarry (previously known as Bank Lane Quarry). As the application site straddles the boundary between Bury and Rossendale this Councils comments have been sought by Bury MBC and Lancashire County Council on applications for planning permission they have received.

There are 2 proposals. This report relates to a proposal for a Revised Restoration Scheme for the northern part of the quarry.

3. SITE

The Revised Restoration Scheme is proposed for that part of the site between the northern boundary of the quarry and the existing buildings and yards used for cutting & stocking of dimensioned-stone before dispatch (including the site of the proposed Anaerobic Digester).

4. PROPOSAL

The submission states that:

“The approved landform for the current infilling area would be a bowl with a flat area within the quarry. Further infilling with inert waste is proposed to recreate a landform in the northern part of the quarry that integrates more closely with the rolling nature of the surrounding topography. The proposed landform would be similar to that which existed prior to quarrying. The revised restoration scheme would deliver landscape, biodiversity and accessibility enhancements.

Infilling would continue at a rate of 100,000 cubic metres (m³) per annum and the total void would be around 950,000m³. As such, the infilling operations and subsequent restoration works would be completed within the existing timescale set out in condition 2 of planning permission 43048 (dated 21 December 2036). Around 33 lorries per day would visit the site associated with the infilling operations.

An enhanced restoration is proposed which is designed to increase public accessibility to the site and increase biodiversity.”

5. ASSESSMENT

Existing activities and operations are regulated by Bury MBC and Lancashire CC and, as such, any complaints are more likely to be received by them than Rossendale BC.

Nevertheless, the Council’s Environmental Health Unit was asked whether existing activities and operations at Fletcher Bank Quarry are a source of complaint and whether the Revised

Restoration Scheme is likely to give rise to unacceptable impacts for Rossendale and its residents/businesses/visitors. It advises that existing activities and operations are not a source of complaint and it has no comments to make on the proposed filling operation to achieve the revised finished contours.

LCC Highways has advised upon the highway safety/traffic issues raised by both proposals for Fletcher Bank Quarry as follows: *“From a highways point of view I do not foresee any real issues with the proposed works. The main access to the quarry is from an existing A road and it is likely that the majority of traffic coming to the site once works are completed will use A roads. These roads are designed to accommodate the types and numbers of vehicles that are*

proposed. It is also likely that the majority of vehicles coming to the site will be from Greater Manchester". Accordingly, I am satisfied that the proposal will not result in significant detriment to highway safety/traffic issues by reason of the change in volume &/or kind of vehicles passing along roads within Rossendale.

Likewise, I am satisfied that the proposal will not unduly affect the character and appearance of Rossendale, the quarry more obviously open to view from within Ramsbottom.