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Your ref:  
Our ref: LCC/2021/0015  
Date: 12 January 2023

Dear Nicola

**PLANNING APPLICATION LCC/2021/0015 FOR A REVISED RESTORATION SCHEME AT WADDINGTON FELL QUARRY INCORPORATING EXCAVATED TUNNEL AND SHAFT ARISING ASSOCIATED WITH THE HAWESWATER AQUEDUCT RESILIENCE PROGRAMME (HARP)**

As you may now be aware, Lancashire County Council's Development Control Committee considered the above planning application at their meeting on 21 December 2022 and resolved to grant planning permission for a revised restoration scheme at Waddington Fell Quarry incorporating excavated tunnel and shaft arisings associated with the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) (ref. LCC/2021/0015). The decision notice and other documents can be viewed on the County Council's planning register at the following link:

<https://planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/LCC/2021/0015>

The decision notice includes conditions that were considered reasonable and appropriate for the proposed development and you will note that the permission can only be implemented in practice subject to permission being granted by Ribble Valley Borough Council for the HARP scheme.

Through the determination process for application ref LCC/2021/0015, planning officers and highways officers have been working together to seek to ensure that should the replacement tunnel scheme be considered necessary in the public interest, that impacts on the local highway network are minimised as far as reasonably possible. Permission LCC/2021/0015 includes conditions controlling vehicle movement numbers, hours of working, improvements to the site entrance arrangements and a requirement to upgrade the wheel cleaning facilities. The wider HARP scheme incorporates a range of other proposed highway improvements including passing places, and an overarching construction traffic management plan. These matters should be addressed through the determination of the HARP application given the relationship with the source of the waste material and other tunnel construction related traffic.

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The County Council Development Control Committee's decision was made on the basis that officers would write to Ribble Valley Borough Council to emphasize the Committee's concerns with regard to the impact of HGV movements associated with the wider HARP scheme, and to request that Ribble Valley Borough Council include sufficient controls on highway related matters should permission be granted for the HARP scheme to ensure that highway impacts would be minimised. On this basis I would be grateful if you could ensure that the concerns of the County Council's Development Control Committee are taken into account when you determine the application for that part of the HARP scheme falling within your authority.

Yours sincerely

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