



18 Difficulties Encountered

In general, no significant difficulties, in terms of technical deficiencies or lack of sources of information, were encountered in compiling the specified information contained in the EIAR.

The proposed development seeks to regenerate and extend extraction at the quarry for a projected lifespan of 20 years. The proposed quarry void will be extracted over 4 no. phases to a depth of 2 no. benches of c. 10m each to a quarry depth of c. 300m AOD with a proposed rate of extraction of c. 200K tonnes per annum. The proposed development will include for construction of earthen screening berms, soil storage areas and will utilise existing quarry entrance from the northern boundary linking to the L7130 local road to the east. Existing and proposed access tracks and existing settlement ponds will be utilised as part of the proposed development. The proposed development will be accompanied by a phased restoration plan.

The assessment provided for the proposed development has had regard to the documentation compiled and submitted as part of previous applications at the site and the Planning Authority Reports which formed part of the analysis for those applications.

References to published sources of information are acknowledged in the text. A list of all consultations involved in the compilation of information for this Assessment Report is provided in Chapter 1. It has also had regard to recent and planned developments in the area.

The full impact analysis was carried out by experienced consultants, and the best available methods were employed to forecast environmental effects.