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Dear Resident,

Re: Cliffe Hill Quarry, Proposed Planning Application for an Eastern Extension to Old Cliffe Hill Quarry. Newsletter No.2.

On behalf of MQP I hope this letter finds you well and coping with these unprecedented circumstances and uncertain times. Like many of you I am working from home while many of my colleagues have been furloughed. Cliffe Hill quarry remains operational but at a reduced level.

We circulated our first newsletter in October 2019 (see MQP web site <https://www.mqp.co.uk/en/cliffe-hill-planning-application>). I now wish to provide you with a short update on the progress of our Cliffe Hill Quarry Eastern Extension planning application.

You may have seen that we posted Leicestershire County Council's scoping opinion on the MQP web site in late November 2019. Since then we have continued with drafting the scheme and addressing many of the technical issues referenced in the opinion and that always arise when considering a scheme like it.

Some of the ecological surveys that we need to address are seasonal and had to wait until the spring to start. The programme I included last year had therefore already slipped before the Covid19 lockdown came into force in March. Since the lockdown progress has of course slowed down as we seek to ensure safe working for all those involved.

As we don't know how long the current situation will last it is difficult to be precise when the planning application will be ready, but our intention is to still submit it before the end of this year. Public consultation by MQP will still form part of the process, but we will have to review the best options available in due course. Further newsletter(s) will be issued before we make the formal planning application submission.

I have been asked what are the development timescales for the quarry extension? If the application is submitted in late 2020 we would expect a 6 -12 month consideration period by the Leicestershire planning authority. If the application was approved there would still be a further period for legal agreements and other consents to be secured. Therefore, realistically speaking, it is unlikely any substantial work would start before the end of 2022. The proposed road diversion, landscape screening and tree planting would form the first phase of the development.

I hope this provides some clarification for you, but if you have any further questions please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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