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Date: 24th September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Installation and operation of wash plant and silt press

Sandgate Park Quarry Water Lane Sullington Storrington

I refer to the consultation received in this office on 7th September 2026 concerning the above site.

This Authority raises **No Objection**, subject to the following comments to resolve by way of the imposing of planning conditions to any forthcoming permission.

Air Quality

The proposed mitigation is acceptable as the S106 contribution would support delivery of measures within the emerging updated Air Quality Action Plan and should be secure by condition.

However, the damage cost calculation should be undertaken using the Defra Air Quality Damage Cost Toolkit for the full appraisal period instead of applying the 2025 central damage cost value per tonne across all assessment years. The toolkit calculates the annual cost for each year separately and then applies the appropriate discount rate to derive a present value. The toolkit should therefore be populated with emissions for each year of the assessment period.

Damage Cost toolkit available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/assess-the-impact-of-air-quality>

Control Panel

Start Year: Year of Installation and operation of wash plant and silt press

End Year: 5 years after start year

Price Base Year: year of application submission

Number of pollutants: 2

Damage cost User Interface

Pollutant 1: NOx

Pollutant 2: PM2.5

Damage Cost Type: Road Transport Urban Small

Although Storrington has a population of fewer than 10,000 people, an AQMA has been declared within the town centre and road traffic is the principal source of air pollution in the district, particularly along major routes such as the A283 through Storrington. It is therefore recommended that the "Road Transport Urban Small" scenario is used within the Damage Cost Toolkit, with the EFT road type selected as "Urban".

Noise

The calculations show that all residential receptors will be below the 55dB LAEQ noise limit. However, it's important to note that some will be only marginally below the limit and therefore there is a risk that that uncertainty in the calculations may mean that the limit is exceeded on occasions due to the variability inherent in site operations.

To address this, it is recommended that a condition requiring a noise management plan be applied to ensure the assumptions in the modelling remain valid throughout the life of the development.

In regard to the previous comments on the fixed plant installation, the Technical note advises that at a distance of 80m the wash plant is generally broadband in nature with no clear tones. It is concluded that:

"The proposed wash plant does not introduce a new or novel source to the site or locality, which has a long history of quarrying works including used of mobile and fixed plant and machinery."

To ensure this remains valid, a noise management plan should be submitted to and approved by the planning authority as for condition 6 to approved application WSCC/044/18/SR.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Parkes', with a stylized, flowing script.

Emma Parkes
Head of Development and Building Control