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Subject: WSCC/019/26 - Sandgate Quarry

Dear Stephanie,

Further to comments on air quality Environmental Health have reviewed the WBM Ltd Noise Assessment, dated 6 February 2026, and we have the following comments to make:

1. We note the comment in section 2.2 'there is a requirement for the filter press to operate beyond the regular hours, up until 20:00 Monday to Friday inclusive'. It is however not clear from the supporting information why the filter press is required to operate up until 20:00 hours Monday to Friday i.e. beyond the currently permitted hours – we would be grateful for some clarity on this.
2. From reviewing Table 5.1 we note that the calculated noise levels (Scenario 1) at Wood End and Brambledown are only marginally below the Planning Limit of 55dB. With this in mind we note that calculations have been provided in the appendices which is welcomed, it is however not entirely clear how the 54dB value which has been calculated for these two properties has been derived.
3. It is also not clear what noise levels these two properties currently experience in the 0700 to 1800 hours period and how much the proposed plant will contribute to noise levels during this time. The character of the noise associated with the wash plant may also be different and potentially more noticeable, it is however not clear if this has been taken into account as part of the assessment.
4. From reviewing Table 5.1 we also note that the highest noise level out of hours is calculated to be 35dB at Sandgate Lodge, similar to comment 3 above it is entirely clear how this figure has been derived.
5. Whilst we fully appreciate that comparing noise levels with the planning limit and current Government minerals planning guidance is entirely relevant, given the proposals include fixed plant it is however not clear why an assessment in accordance with BS4142 'Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound' has also not formed part of the overall noise assessment as an additional line of evidence.

We would welcome dialogue with the applicants acoustic consultant on the above.

Kind regards

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