

# Stainton Quarry Ltd

Natural stone products

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## **RE: Re-opening of Gayles Quarry for extraction of sandstone.**

I write to you in relation to a proposed scheme to reopen and extract sandstone from Gayles Quarry.

Gayles Quarry is located to the southeast of Gayles on the north facing slope of land that rises away from the village. The quarry was previously worked for sandstone up until the early 20th century and is likely to have provided stone for buildings in the locality. However, for various reasons, the extraction ceased, and the quarry has subsequently revegetated with grass and scattered trees, but there is still an important mineral reserve within this area.

The operator pursuing this planning application is Stainton Quarry Limited who currently operate Stainton quarry, located within the village of Stainton near Barnard Castle. You may wish to review our website at <https://staintonquarry.co.uk/>.

Established in 2007, Stainton Quarry Limited have gained extensive experience operating a sandstone quarry in a highly sensitive location by placing emphasis on not only the winning of minerals but also working alongside the local community to ensure site operation, daily activities and eventual restoration is carried out with upmost consideration to the local environment.

We hope to continue this method of working whilst operating at Gayles where we propose to extract the sandstone block by mechanical means to minimise environmental impact on the surrounding area, lowering the risk of both noise and dust related issues and paying considerate attention to the ecology of the site and its surroundings.

It is proposed that the site will be worked over a 15-year period and a maximum of 15,000 tonnes of stone will be extracted per year to produce dimensional stone products such as walling and masonry items for the construction industry.



A maximum of 5 vehicles per day will export the stone block from Gayles to our processing plant in Barnard Castle.

The vehicles will go down the 'tank road' to Sturdy House Lane before going through Ravensworth to the A66. The road that runs to the north of the quarry is too steep for HGVs and wagons to negotiate. For your information, I have attached a couple of plans detailing the scheme. As you will see, it will be worked in three phases with the intention of bringing the vehicular access into the site from the south corner.

The quarry will be worked from east to west so that the hillside above the site, leading to Feldon Ranges in the south will remain untouched, preventing direct views of quarry faces and minimising visual impact from the north.

To further minimise visual impact, the existing spoil mound along the northern site boundary will remain and be supplemented to the east with additional material, contoured in a manner that is in keeping with the existing landform. All supplemented sections will be planted with species of flora and fauna native to the area to form a natural looking screen.

Once established the initial screening works, in conjunction with the east to west working scheme and considerate quarry design will create a seamless hillside, disguising the quarry workings when viewed from locations situated downhill to the north of the site.

These proposals have been discussed with Planning Officers from North Yorkshire County Council and the following documents will accompany any planning application.

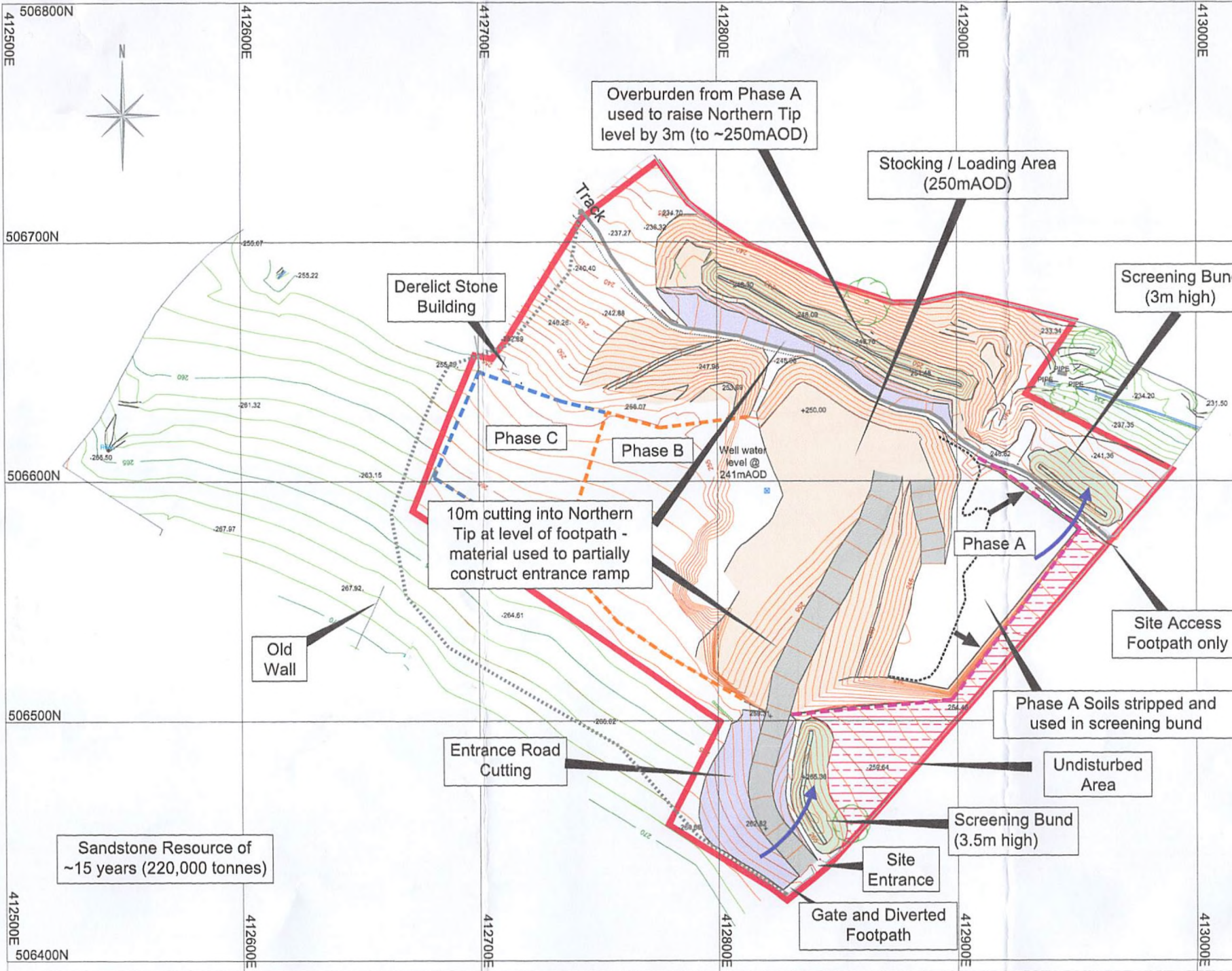
- Preliminary ecological survey.
- Transport Statement assessing the impact of the vehicle movements on the local highway.
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment which will address the overall impact of the scheme on the landscape character and visual amenity of the area.
- Noise Assessment which will seek to identify a model, the background noise environment in relation to the quarry workings.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Tim McHale from Stainton Quarry Limited on 01833 690444 or via email [staintonquarry@outlook.com](mailto:staintonquarry@outlook.com).

Yours Sincerely,

Tim McHale.  
Safety and Environmental Manager  
Stainton Quarry Ltd.





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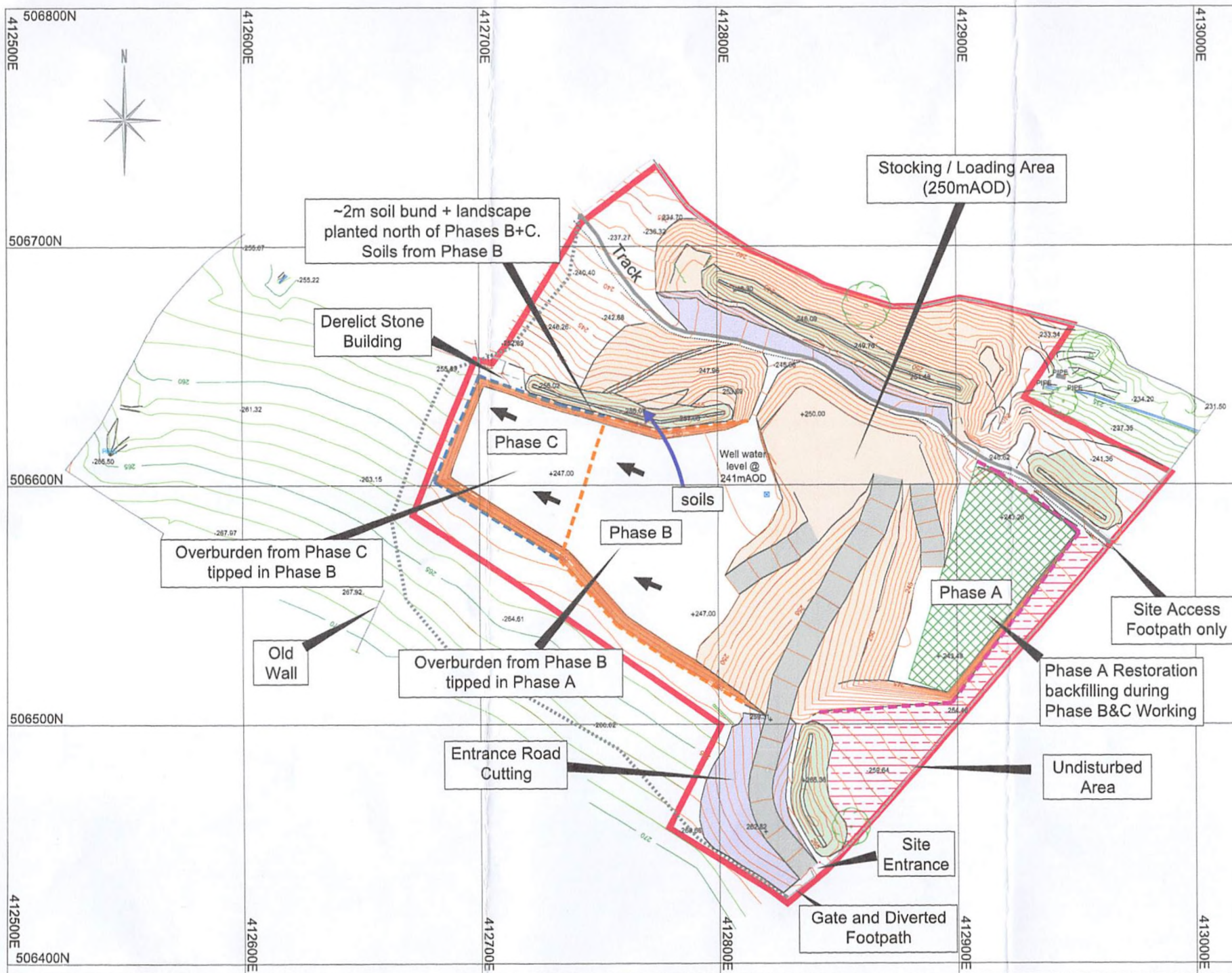
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**Gayles Quarry**  
 Project  
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 Plan GQW21-1  
 Phased Working Scheme  
 Phase A

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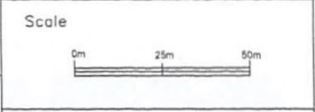






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Site  
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 Plan GQW21-2  
 Phased Working Scheme  
 Phases B & C

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