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Dear Mary,

**APPLICATION NO:** MW.0061/22

**DESCRIPTION:** To continue the development permitted by permission MW.0089/14 (open storage within class B8) to amend condition 8 to limit the storage uses permitted to palletted natural stone products only

**LOCATION:** Hornton Grounds Quarry, Hornton, Banbury, OX15 6HH

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on this proposed development, which would be located within the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape.<sup>1</sup>

In reaching its planning decision, the local planning authority (LPA) has a statutory duty to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.<sup>2</sup> The Board recommends that, in fulfilling this 'duty of regard', the LPA should: (i) ensure that planning decisions are consistent with relevant national and local planning policy and guidance; and (ii) take into account the following Board publications:

- Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Type (LCT) 6 (Ironstone Hills and Valleys) from which the site can potentially be viewed.
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 6 ([link](#)) including Section 6.6;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to the Development in the Setting of the AONB ([link](#)) and the Tranquillity Position Statement ([link](#)).

This application proposes to amend condition 8 of permission MW.0089/14 to restrict the material which is permitted to be stored on site to palletted natural stone products only. The condition currently allows any storage that falls within B8, subject to satisfactory details of surfacing and drainage being submitted and approved.

The proposed change to the condition would therefore result in a more limited storage use than what is currently permitted. This may reduce the likelihood of adverse impacts on landscape amenity associated with the storage use in the future. As such the Board **does not object** to this application.

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The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

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**Brendan McCarthy**

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**Rebecca Charley**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Joyce', with a small dot at the end of the signature.

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## NOTES:

- 1) Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.
- 2) Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85)
- 3) The documents referred to in our response can be located on the Cotswolds National Landscape website under the following sections
  - a. Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan)
  - b. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca)
  - c. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg)
  - d. Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc)
  - e. Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1)  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2)