APPENDIX 1- Quarry and Landfill Sites

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Planning History

The site has a long history of applications dating back to 1995. However, these were consolidated by DC07/233 which is the main consent for all landfill operations on the site. There is also a recent consent for a waste management facility on the site (DC13/216) being constructed in early 2014. This consent is linked to the landfill operations by condition 1 which requires it only to operate for the duration of the approved landfill operations.

Restoration of the Site

The restoration is a phased restoration which is linked to the progress of the landfill operations. The site is split into cells and as each cell is filled it is to be covered with topsoil, peat and water-managed. In addition to restoration of the cells there is an area of ground, out with the actual landfill operations, which has a Habitat Management Plan (HMP) to ensure habitat enhancement. This is to mitigate against the loss of some habitat when the cells were extended under DC07/233.

Planning Controls

The restoration and enhancement of the site is controlled by conditions, a Section 75 planning obligation and a restoration bond. SEPA also monitor the site and there is a bond between the current operators and SEPA linked to the restoration of cells plus a 30 year aftercare period.

The planning conditions cover other aspects of the development as well but the Section 75 agreement relates to the HMP, restoration of the site and ensures a restoration bond is in place. The HMP includes areas not owned by Barr Environmental but by a local landowner and the section 75 also includes them.

Bond Agreements

The restoration bond is for £120,000 and is a performance guarantee bond which is set to decrease as restoration works progress across the site. This will therefore require a regular review of the amount subject to further consideration by the Councils Legal Services in consultation with Planning Services.



Dumbuckhill Quarry

Planning History

Planning permission was granted for an extension to the quarry under DC02-187 which consolidated previous permissions as well as negating the need for a ROMP application (application DC02-330 was withdrawn as a result). The site currently operates under this consent which is subject to 51 conditions.

Restoration of the Site

As we understand, due to the nature of operations the majority of restoration can only take place when the use ceases. The restoration consists of stabilising the quarry faces, restoration of hedges and dykes, a footpath along the outer edge of the quarry and formation of a habitat on the quarry floor with a further footpath link. Some restoration of the upper benches along the eastern boundary of the quarry is to be completed whilst operations are continuing elsewhere on the site (condition 47).

Planning Controls

The restoration and enhancement of the site is controlled by planning conditions. There are some very specific conditions relating to the aftercare of the site as well as on-going monitoring of the progress of works generally.

Bond Agreements

The site changed hands in 2013 and a new restoration bond is being adjusted with the new owners, Paterson's. Confirmation of a suitable bond sum (originally £153,020) is still under review.



Rigangower Landfill

Planning History

The history of the site is complex. Application DB1986/1 sought consent to landfill the same area as the original application but with an increase in volume so that the finished ground levels would be higher and the site operates under this permission. A further extension to the life of the site was granted planning permission under DC04-458 on 14th July 2005. This permits deposition on the site until 25 March 2016 and contains similar conditions as previous approvals.

Restoration of the Site

Due to the nature of operations whereby the land filling moves across the site some restoration such as top-soiling and seeding can be done in completed landfill areas. The site is to be restored to rough grazing habitat.

Planning Controls

The restoration and enhancement of the site is controlled by conditions attached to DC04-458. The planning conditions cover other aspects of the development as well but there are some very specific conditions relating to the method of restoration and aftercare of the site.

Bond Agreements

There are no restoration bonds or other legal agreements. Restoration is to be achieved through conditions.



Sheephill Quarry

Planning History

Planning permission was granted on appeal by the then Secretary of State for Scotland on 3 November 1949 for the quarry to operate until 2042. It was subject to 7 conditions, none of which refer to restoration proposals for the site. A ROMP application was submitted in April 1998 (Ref. WP98/076) and a separate application to further extend the extraction area submitted in 2002(DC02/447).

Both the ROMP and the extension application were presented to January and February 2005 Planning Committee and the Committee agreed the applications subject to the finalisation of conditions and conclusion of the legal agreement. The legal agreement related to revoking part of the original permission next to the residential properties at Miltonhill and the restoration bond. It was never concluded as the applicant could not procure all signatures.

The ROMP was returned to December 2012 Planning Committee with an updated set of conditions including one to exclude the area next to Miltonhill from quarrying. The application was continued by the Committee to allow further discussions to take place regarding the Scheduled Ancient Monument and for officers and the applicant to look at the conditions to try and meet the concerns of objectors. The extension application was not returned to Committee as there was still the issue of the legal agreement for the restoration bond.

The site is therefore currently operating under the 1949 planning consent.

Restoration of the Site

There is no restoration required in the 1949 consent. However the current proposals included in the Environmental Statement restoration proposals which are referred to as conceptual and seek to provide wildlife and habitat value as the site has limited value for agricultural or recreation due to thin soils and steep slopes. It does allow for some initial planting and includes progressive restoration of the upper faces as operations progress with completion following the final extraction phase.

Planning Controls

There are no bonds or legal agreements in place for the main quarry site to secure restoration. The extension area does have a draft legal agreement proposed to secure a restoration bond, however this has never been completed. The only planning conditions are currently those in the 1949 consent; until the ROMP has been agreed.

