

Environmental Policy



The Company recognises that its quarrying and stone processing operations have an unavoidable impact on the environment but it is the Company's aim to manage its business in an environmentally responsible manner. This policy has been defined to establish the principles to be adopted by the Company in developing high standards of environmental practice for the benefit of the community and the environment at large, whilst maintaining the economic viability of the business.

The environmental principles of the Company are:

- 1 To determine the environmental effects of its operations and monitor and record these, as appropriate.
- 2 To comply with current environmental legislation and where this is absent or inadequate to adopt current good practice standards to manage environmental effects.
- 3 To develop operational method statements and, through this, ensure that proper procedures are put in place to control operations which have an impact on the environment and to bring about improvements in environmental performance. Where possible, extract stone using modern underground mining techniques instead of quarrying, therefore having a reduced affect on the environment.
- 4 As part of the environmental management system to set specific targets for environmental performance in all key areas, including noise, vibration and dust emissions and provide staff training and adequate resources for these targets to be achieved.
- 5 To monitor and audit environmental performance on a regular basis.
- 6 To monitor and manage energy and water consumption and thereby improve efficiency and avoid waste.
- 7 To identify and respect features of nature conservation value within and around the quarries and to develop a strategy for maintaining or enhancing these, where appropriate, working with the relevant authorities.
- 8 To develop a restoration plan for the quarries including provision for the recreation of features of nature conservation value, where appropriate. Complete annual audits on the restored areas to ensure that the land is providing the correct biodiversity environment.
- 9 To manage wastes such that reuse and recycling options are adopted, where practicable and ensure that all waste management practices are consistent with the Duty of Care Regulations and Code of Practice.
- 10 To promote good relations with neighbouring communities and develop a proper procedure to respond effectively to any complaints received.

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