

**MENDIP
QUARRY
PRODUCERS**

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Ref. MQP/MCS

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Dear Sir/Madam

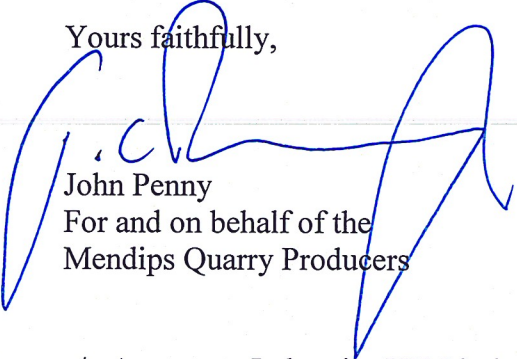
**Somerset Minerals Plan Development Plan Document up to 2030 – Consultation
on Proposed Main Modifications**

This consultation response is made on the proposed main modifications to the Somerset Minerals Development plan following the Examination in Public, on behalf of the Mendip Quarry Producers (MQP). The MQP is a trade organisation for quarry operators on the Mendips comprising Aggregate Industries UK Limited, Hanson Quarry Products Limited, Morris and Perry Limited, Lafarge Tarmac Limited and John Wainwright and Company Ltd.

Ref. 46, Page 96, Policy/Para New 19.13 – the proposed wording of this new paragraph is noted. Whilst it is acknowledged that the amenity of the occupant(s) of a residential property owned by an operator should be properly assessed in the planning process the first stage must be to assess occupancy. For example an operator may decide to leave a residential property vacant which is in close proximity to operational areas for a period of time, for example during a particular phase or phases of development. In addition the occupier of an operator owned property is likely to be willing to accept a greater degree of environmental disruption with occupation being taken with prior knowledge of quarrying activities. On this basis it is suggested that the words “an occupied” *are added after* “SCC will not expect an operator’s ownership of ...”. Also it is suggested that the word “limited” is deleted in the second sentence of the paragraph.

It is respectfully requested that the above detailed consultation response made on behalf of the MQP is duly taken into account by your Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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