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ROCKFIELD QUARRY

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RJ Mitten and Sons is a family-owned aggregates business based in County Fermanagh. Rockfield quarry is located c.1km east of Donagh and 4.5km southeast of Lisnaskea. The quarry originally opened in the 1960's and was taken over by RJ Mitten & Sons in 1982. Over the following four decades the foundations were laid for the modern, dynamic quarry that is present today.

The site benefits from multiple planning consents for the extraction of minerals. The quarry supplies all grades of high-quality aggregates to the local building, construction and agricultural industries. This material is essential for the improvement of standards of living and quality of life of people locally in Fermanagh & beyond.

RJ Mitten and sons are members of the Mineral Products Association Northern Ireland (MPANI) which is Northern Ireland's top trade association for the quarrying industry. We offer a friendly and reliable service at very competitive rates and have established a reputation for quality and customer service.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposal relates to the re-profiling of 3.7 hectares of agricultural land adjacent to the quarry, through infilling with only inert overburden material generated directly on site. Currently overburden is stockpiled in temporary storage locations. These locations are within the existing working area and as such are restricting access to consented minerals. It is considered the best practical solution is to seek out of pit storage for inert overburden generated and as such, this application seeks approval for infilling agricultural land directly adjoining the existing working area. This scheme will ensure that there will be no problems moving between working phases without double handling of material, and that the existing site is capable of being worked safely, effectively and efficiently through all phases of the project.

Site Access

The quarry is accessed via an existing lane which also provides access to several residential properties. No vehicles will be required to exit the site as an internal haulage road will be created to support vehicle movements into the landfilling area. With no importation of waste, the proposal will therefore result in no increase in traffic movements to or from the site.

Operating Hours

The proposed operating hours will mirror the existing site hours and are as follows:

Weekdays:	0700 to 1900
Saturday:	0700 to 1300
Sunday:	No working on Sundays
Public Holidays:	No working on Public Holidays

RESTORATION

Upon achieving the final desired levels, the stockpiled topsoil will be re-implemented over the site. The resulting restoration profile created by inert landfilling will create a topography and landform which is sympathetic in nature and conforms to the surrounding lands. The proposed landform will continue to be a rising gradient and as such will replicate the existing topography.

The land will be sympathetically restored for agricultural use. Restoration and aftercare proposals shall be carried out in accordance with the restoration plan (MR230308-09) It is the intention of the scheme that the boundaries of the application area will remain untouched protecting trees and habitat along the perimeter of the site.

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY

The company provides direct employment for 50 members of staff, with 15 of those on site daily at Rockfield Quarry. RJ Mitten & Sons are proud to provide job opportunities in a rural community. In addition to this, the general upkeep and operations of the company requires local contractors to be outsourced.

Contractors consist of professionals such as engineers, surveyors, and plant maintenance specialists. A wide range of specialist companies and individuals have been indirectly employed, which is of great benefit to the local economy.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

RJ Mitten & Sons accepts, under the provision of the health & safety at work legislation, responsibility for the safety and health of its employees at work and of persons liable to be affected by its operations. In doing so the company expects employees to work safely and efficiently and to participate in its efforts to provide safe and healthy working conditions and practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

RJ Mitten and Sons has operated the quarry having high regard for the environment and the history of the site demonstrates an appreciation and understanding of environmental impacts associated with the extractive industry. It is their stated intention to minimise and, wherever practicable, eliminate impacts to the environment. RJ Mitten & Sons are committed to preventing pollution and as a minimum comply with all relevant legislation and other policy requirements to which they subscribe.



CUSTOMER SERVICE

RJ Mitten and Sons value their customers as the most important people in the business. They will endeavor to satisfy their present and future requirements in respect of product quality, availability, supply, and delivery. Customers will encounter a friendly, effective and efficient service in every aspect of their dealing with us. The entire company will strive for continuous improvement in the service we provide.