

Steer Point Quarry Restoration July 2022

Here is the update on the Steer Point Restoration for the period of 29 May 2022 to week ending 30 June 2022 for the PC meeting this week.

- - The total number of HGV deliveries for the period was 311 into the site which represented 89% of the permitted number over that period
 - The weekly average was 62 loads with the maximum number of permitted loads in any one week of 70 into the site was achieved only once in this reporting period

As we have been in a dry period we received a complaint of excessive dust again along the entrance to the quarry gates and also noise of HGVs leaving the site – as we have discussed last month and especially more so in this recently dry hot period, the dust is also aggravated by the farm movements along the road. The site operator continues to sweep the road and run the bowser and also refills the wheelwash on a regular basis to mitigate impacts. We have installed a hose system that sprays vehicles when leaving the site.

We have also looked at mitigating the noise of vehicles leaving the site empty and compacted some material in the low spots at the gate entrance about 3 weeks ago to soften the jarring as they go up the ramp out of the site.

Since your last meeting we have had an unannounced inspection from the Environment Agency that gave the operation a clean bill of health and no breaches of the Environmental Permit were recorded – with regard to the dust issues and complaints we have received, the EA commented,

‘There is a wheel wash on site and vehicle movements have changed when leaving the site to improve the dust management. There was also a new perforated hosepipe on the road leading off the site which is turned on periodical through the day or when required, it wasn’t on during this inspection. The vehicles don’t exit the site directly but now drive around the area with the buildings allowing more mud/dust to fall off the vehicles which still on site’