

REGULATORY COMMITTEE	DATE: 9 th JANUARY 2002
PLANNING APPLICATION: S.01.2062	SITE LOCATION: TISBURY
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THE MILL HOUSE
CHICKSGROVE
SALISBURY
WILTS SP3 6LY

November 21, 2001

Director of Environmental Services
Wiltshire County Council
County Hall
Trowbridge
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Ref : MCW/SO1.2062

Dear Sir ,;

PROPOSED ERECTION OF A BUILDING TO HOUSE A STONE SAW AT
CHICKSGROVE QUARRY, UPPER CHICKSGROVE

I refer to the above planning application and would ask you to consider what is the purpose behind the application . Is there to be more stone cutting of stone quarried in the quarry or is stone to be brought in to be cut and then sent away ? Is the stone cutting to be ancillary to the existing quarrying activity or a use to be permitted in its own right ?


The existing permission for the quarrying activities has conditions relating to the duration of the quarrying activities and limits on how much stone can be brought into the quarry and I respectfully submit that these same restrictions should be attached to any consent , if such is granted .There should be no increase in the amount of stone allowed to be brought into the quarry .[You are no doubt aware that there is some concern over the strength and stability of the road bridge over the River Nadder and the fact that lorries visiting the quarry do not always telephone the railway signal office when they drive large vehicles over the railway crossing.]

There should also be a condition that when quarrying ceases the building should be demolished and the stone cutting cease.

If consent is granted it is also very important that conditions are attached to the consent that ensure that adequate and effective sound insulation and ventilation are provided so that the doors to the shed can be kept shut whilst the saw is in operation whatever the weather outside without compromising the health and safety of the saw operators. These conditions should be drafted in such a way that the Environmental Health Officer has the ability to easily enforce them if the soundproofing proves ineffective or the doors are left open and unacceptable levels of noise emanate from the building.

I sincerely hope you will take note of these points and if planning consent is granted conditions such as those suggested above will be attached to the consent .

Yours truly



G.A. Button F.R.I.C.S.

Wyndhams ,Quarry Lane ,Chicks Grove ,Wilts SP3 6LY

G.Chequer Esq.
Wilts County Council
Minerals and Waste

16th Nov.01.

Dear Mr Chequer,
Chicks Grove Quarry
SO.1 2062

I thank you for Mrs Websters letter dated Nov.6th.

I refer back to the letter from Mr.Winslow to me, dated 12th.August 1997. The which detailed new Conditions attaching to Planning Application S.97.0332. Condition Number 3 stated" All fixed plant,buildings, machinery and areas of hardstanding permitted under this permission shall be removed within ten years of the date of this permission or within a period of six months from the cessation of stone extraction, whichever is the sooner."

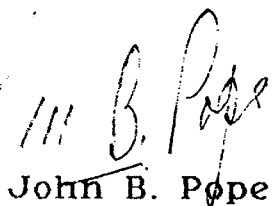
Last May Application S01.0851 requested permission for the erection of a building to house stone cutting equipment. So too does the current application S01.2062. It might be arguable at a later date ,that neither of these two applications was automatically restricted by the terms of the unrelated Permission S97.0332. Thus although Quarrying would end under Condition 2 of S 97.0332 after twenty years , and plant and machinery referred to under Condition 3 would be removed in the year 2007. There might be no obligation to remove either buildings or equipment covered by the subsequent applications S.010851&2062 After all had they not been cutting stone in these buildings for over six years ? How would one stop such use ad infinitum?

Today Friday 16th November at least two flat beds left the Quarry each loaded with four large stones. There was also a heavy lorry out ,loaded with broken building stone.I mention this because such is the usual trade of the Quarry. Occasionally there are light weight builders lorries out with partial loads of ashlar faced sawn stone in wrapped plastic covering. This is a comparatively infrequent occurrence. It may be that

New saws are required to increase this side of the business. It might also be that they are needed to process imported stone. Stone such as was delivered INTO the Quarry in the Week of June 4th Last. It is my fear that there will be further deliveries to the Quarry in excess of amounts mentioned in 1997.

There is a traffic Problem stretching from Hindon Lane, through Tisbury and along Quarry Lane. This is a public road system and lorries are entitled to use it, however as the access to Chicks Grove Quarry is so unsuitable one hopes the County will discourage business there. Obviously covering an existing saw until 2007 is not unreasonable. One was in doubt where the proposed shed was to go, it seemed located differently on two plans.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John B. Pope', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John B. Pope.

Wyndhams Quarry Lane Chicks Grove sp3 6ly
Wiltshire County Council
Minerals and Waste 3rd. December 01.

Dear Mrs Webster,

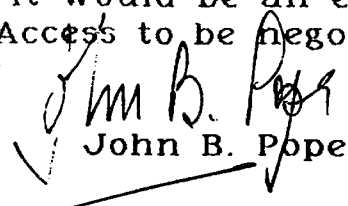
Chicks Grove Quarry
MCW S01 2062 CP. etc.

I thank you for the trouble of your letter of 29th November and the permission attached thereto S01 0851 -5th March 2001. The trouble is that Condition 2 of this permission effectively extends the period for plant and machinery from the original prescribed date in application S97.0332 (maybe 2007) to a new date ten years after permission granted under application date 5th. March 2001. It would seem that Plant is now to remain until 2011. The original permission is creeping toward the twenty years of Quarrying permitted from 1997. You confirm that a similar condition is to be placed on the current application for a Saw Housing. (I have no objection to the Housing myself). However surely it should be permitted only until c.2007 ie the end of the period permitted under the 1997 application. As things are this original Saw is due to be removed before the shed now to house it.

The fact that I am ignorant of Quarrying will not deter me from suggesting that the stone supply at Chicks Grove Quarry will have expired prior to the Permission therefor. There is however lots of stone in adjoined fields. The field to the South is owned by Mr. Mrs Martin Shallcross. One of Martin's incarnations is as a some time Partner of Messrs Humberts (Salisbury Office). It may be a matter of pure chance that Messrs Humberts Commercial Section are involved in these applications , but it could be there is an hoped for scheme to extend the Quarry. Then too one has the problem of a large empty hole in the ground. Someone at some time will wish to import materials with which the hole would be filled.

If all this is to come to pass, it would be an excellent idea for some more suitable Access to be negotiated.

Your's sincerely


John B. Pope