

**JOINT COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)****DATE: 19 July 2021****ITEM 10: PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS****Question 1: from Mr Andrew McLuskey**

Why, with five years to save our planet, do Surrey planners insist on doggedly and repeatedly defending a seriously 'watered down' version of the proposed environmental development at Stanwell Quarry?

Response

Surrey County Council has provided several responses to Rev McLuskey in respect of questions raised about the development at Stanwell Quarry.

The restoration of Stanwell Quarry is covered under planning permission ref. SP17/00118/SCC, which was granted on 18 May 2018. The planning permission was for the extension to the permission for restoration until October 2027 and to change the restoration and phasing plans previously approved, together with the submission of agricultural details. The restoration of the Stanwell Quarry site will deliver enhanced nature conservation areas, in mitigation for parts of the lost SNCI area and create and manage priority biodiversity habitats. It will provide a new public footpath and improved parkland landscape for historic and amenity reasons. It also provides a 25 year management plan, secured by a legal agreement, covering some 15.0 hectares of the site. These proposals are shown on the approved restoration plan, drawing ref. P5/227/8A 'Revised Restoration and Potential Enhancements' dated 29 March 2017. The development proposal for the quarry was subject to consultation with the public, statutory, and non-statutory consultees in 2017. This concluded that, in assessing the proposed changes to the restoration scheme as a whole, the enhanced restoration scheme would be of greater benefit to the local community and environment, including the openness of the Green Belt, than the previously approved restoration and management scheme. The proposal, subject to conditions, satisfied the development plan policies including Policy MC18 'Restoration and Enhancement' of the Surrey Minerals Plan 2011.

Details of the decision making process and planning application can be found in the links provided below.

<https://planning.surreycc.gov.uk/planappdisp.aspx?AppNo=SCC+Ref+2016%2f0206>

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