



Stairfoot Quarry

The Re-engineering and Restoration of Yew Tree Quarry Through the Importation of Non-Hazardous Excavated Soil Materials

Statement of Community Involvement

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared in support of a planning application submitted to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council or BMBC) by Green Earth (Stairfoot) Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Green Earth Developments (Group) Limited (GEDG or the Applicant). The application relates to the re-engineering of Yew Tree Quarry through the importation of non-hazardous excavated soil materials and the restoration of the Site to grassland and woodland providing improved access and increased biodiversity (the Proposed Development) at land within the Stairfoot Quarry, Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot.
- 1.1.2 Full details of the application are provided in the Environmental Statement, Planning Statement and the suite of planning drawings which accompany the planning application. The Applicant has taken an open and inclusive approach to consultation and carried out pre-application consultation with the local community and elected representatives. This SCI sets out the details of the consultation carried out by the Applicant in the preparation of the planning application, the issues raised by consultees during the consultation and steps taken by the Applicant to address these issues.



2.0 CONSULTATION PROCESS

2.1 Consultation Scope

The consultation exercise incorporated the following elements:

- a) Letters to and telephone calls with local residents;
- b) Emails, telephone conversations and meetings with the Community Development Officer
- c) Emails sent to Council Ward Members;
- d) Hosting public meetings
- e) Emails, telephone conversations and site meetings with the headteacher and School Trust for Oakhill Primary School
- f) Regular presence on site throughout, replacing signage and repairing fencing, discussing the scheme with local residents and dog walkers

2.1.1 Each of these elements is explained in further detail in the sections below.

2.2 Consultation Letters

2.2.1 Initial introduction letters posted to residents surrounding the site on 1st October 2024, followed up with telephone calls, emails and subsequent public meetings including advance notification of the public meetings. A further informative letter was posted manually in the immediate neighbourhood of the site on 14th March 2025 advising of a public meeting to be held on 20th March 2025.

2.3 Community Development Officer

2.3.1 Initial contact made with Craig Aubrey on 28th August 2024. Regular telephone conversations and email, GEDG sought advice in terms of optimal method to inform local community, local Members and to book venues for the Community Meeting events (2.4 below).

2.3.2 A GEDG accompanied site walkover was arranged for interested members of the community and local Members for 24th September 2025

2.4 Council Ward Members



2.4.1 Regular email and telephone correspondence with Cllr Paul Murray who agreed to be contact for two further Ward Councillors. Teams Meeting held with 3 Ward Members on 10th June 2025.

2.5 Public Meetings

2.5.1 2 No. public meetings held to date on the following dates;

- i) 7th November 2024 at Oakhill Primary School 17.30-19.30
- ii) 20th March 2025 at Christ Church 17.30-19.30

2.5.2 Plans were presented and open questions to members of GEDG Development Team.

2.6 Oakhill Primary School

2.6.1 Contact established with Oakhill Primary School and accompanied site walkover with headteacher on 24th September 2024. Regular telephone conversations with headteacher and use of the school to host the public meeting on 7th November 2024. On 10th October 2024, GEDG were invited to meet with the Wellspring Trust (Oakhill School Governing Body) to discuss opportunities for an outdoor classroom to be developed on the site.

2.7 Regular presence on site

2.7.1 GEDG as responsible landowner, has and continues to undertake monthly audit visits (in addition to ad hoc site visits). The purpose of these is to check for health and safety issues on the site and ensure appropriate signage is erected, checked and replaced where necessary. This has continued since September 2024. Regular interactions with members of the public, dog walkers and cyclists.



3.0 CONCLUSION

3.1.1 The summary of consultation responses is very much in support of the proposals for the restoration of the Yew Tree Void, incorporation of the restored area into the Community Habitat Bank.

3.1.2 No adverse comments have been received to date regarding the scheme. The focus of attention for community adjacent to the site relates to unauthorised encroachment by some residents onto GEDG owned land and other residents seeking to achieve parity. GEDG are managing this process.

