

## Joan Jackson

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**Attachments:** Gayles-Landscaping-Detailed-Cross-Sections-v4-A-A-.pdf; Gayles-Landscaping-Detailed-Cross-Sections-v4-B-B-.pdf; Gayles-Proposed-Site-Entrance-Layout.pdf

Dear Joan.

We note that further plans ( attached) have been submitted regarding the landscaping for the quarry application at Gayles.

Having considered the plans, the campaign team has the following comments to make, which we hope you will add to the planning portal as part of our ongoing objections and copy to the NYC Principal Landscape Architect and Highways team.

Firstly, the various adjacent entrances.

It is unclear on the drawing how the section of ground from the quarry gates to the public road is going to be surfaced and how they will deal with the verge and rainwater drainage along the side of the road towards Quarry House.

We note that the road is, yet again, incorrectly marked. It is not a private road but part of U1095 and thus under the jurisdiction of NYC Highways and their regulations.

Why is the road within the quarry site approximately 3.5 times wider than the public road that the quarry traffic will use to get to and from the quarry site?

Is there sufficient room for large vehicles to wait between the road and the quarry gates whilst waiting for the gates to be opened/closed without encroaching onto the highway?

It is not clear which way the gates open and there is a gap at the northern side of the gate. Is this a pedestrian access to the quarry or a drawing oversight? There is no information as to how the quarry site will be fenced off to the south (adjacent to the agricultural gate). As we thought the gates are added to mitigate the crime concerns raised by North Yorkshire Constabulary, allowing the site to be accessed from south side by not adding secure fencing around the perimeter will not help with this. Given the stated operating hours of the quarry, what lighting of the entrance and site is to be provided? What mitigations to light pollution if this is to occur, have been considered?

The site entrance is still dangerously close to the separate gate for the footpath. All users of the PROW and the horse riders, cyclists and other vehicles that use U1095 regularly will be passed by the quarry vehicles, large and small, and due to the blind corner - almost a 90 degree bend next to the various entrances, will not be seen in sufficient time by the drivers accessing the quarry. Also, there is every likelihood that the quarry 40 tonne low loaders and

other vehicles will have to swing across the road in order to enter and leave the site. Turning left across the path of a mountain biker coming at speed around the corner doesn't bear thinking about. There is no allowance for a safe passing space for vulnerable road users to get out of the way in the vicinity. We are of the opinion that the positioning of the entrance to the quarry is inappropriate in relation to the above-mentioned blind corner.

Tree Planting.

The increased tree planting appears to be scaled up, so they are going to be much taller. Is this the fully grown height in years to come or will mature trees be transplanted to the site? If they are planted as whips or even small trees they will not attain the height necessary to achieve their purpose as a visual screen and to mitigate the noise from the quarry workings until the quarry has ceased to be worked after the proposed fifteen years.

Transplanting mature trees releases carbon back into the atmosphere when they are uprooted to be moved also when the large planting holes are dug. It would necessitate the regular shipping in of large amounts of water to keep them alive until they established themselves. There is no narrative attached to the drawings as to what types of trees would be used.

Overall , we feel that these plans still represent an intrusion on the rural landscape of the Holmedale Valley and its rural network of lanes and rights of way , which we objected to initially. The safe enjoyment by local residents and visitors to our village communities of this area will still be greatly impacted.

Kind Regards .