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Craig-yr-Hesg quarry

Dear Carolyn

Following last week's Petition Committee at which our Craig-yr-Hesg quarry was discussed (Petition P-06-1476), I wanted to provide reassurance that Heidelberg Materials is committed to being a good neighbour and that we work hard to comply with the strict regulatory regime under which our sector operates.

We appreciate the work of the Petitions Committee is to consider petitions received, however, we would like to highlight that on-going quarrying at Craig-yr-Hesg is underpinned by a scrutinous planning process, as well as a Public Inquiry. The approvals granted also include detailed permitting conditions set to ensure that people, property and the environment are protected.

We recognise that many in the community are disappointed that the quarry extension was given the greenlight. Since 2015 we have taken numerous steps to form a local liaison group, but these have been widely and publicly rebuffed – including by invited local elected representatives. This year, ahead of work starting on the approved extension area, we stepped up direct engagement activity with the community with the aim of resetting relationships and developing dialogue going forward. We have hosted a drop-in event, developed a website with extensive FAQs, door-dropped information and set up a WhatsApp blasting notification service. We have also responded to over 100 separate residents' queries received via our 0800 number and email inbox.

We remain committed to setting up a liaison group and have been working with Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council in this regard. Our aim is to ensure a better flow of information with the local community as well as ensuring that our neighbours and stakeholders have a voice on issues such as quarry community support and donations, shaping amenity access etc. as well as being able to provide feedback on our operations which could help inform possible further mitigation where feasible.

We remain proud of our operations at Craig-yr-Hesg and the contribution it has made for over 100 years in supplying vital construction material for use in the building and maintenance of infrastructure,

homes and roads in south Wales and beyond. We understand that the Petitions Committee will be writing to us with specific queries, and we will be happy to respond to these in full. In the meantime, I attach a copy of the handout we shared at our June community drop-in as this sets out the strict regulations for Craig-yr-Hesg as well as the extensive mitigation measures in place to manage potential impacts.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Astrid Dahl', with a horizontal line underneath.

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