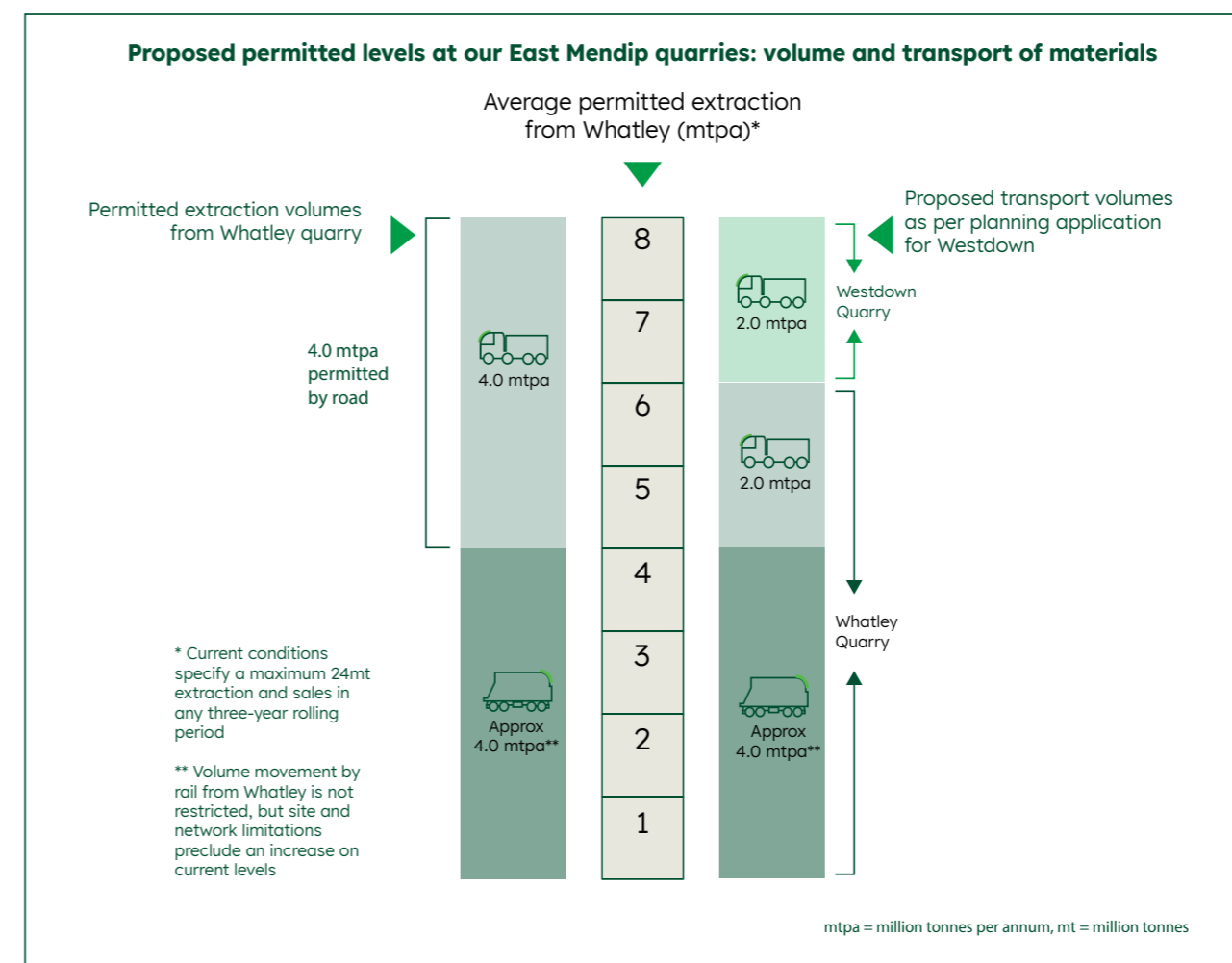


Why Westdown?

Demand for limestone continues to grow, but aggregates are being used almost twice as fast as they are being replaced with new permitted reserves.

We ensure the most efficient use of resources through high levels of materials' reuse and recycling as part of our commitment to growing the circular economy. But primary material, including limestone, is still needed to ensure building materials' strength, integrity and durability in a wide range of applications.

Consented reserves at our nearby Whatley quarry are becoming increasingly constrained and accessing what remains is becoming more challenging. Reopening Westdown quarry will allow reserves at Whatley to focus on meeting national demand by rail, with Westdown focused on supplying local and regional markets by road.



With both Whatley and Westdown operating, combined aggregate volumes and HGV movements would not exceed the current permitted levels for Whatley.