

# Amended plans for Westdown

## Quarrying at Westdown quarry goes back to the 1940s with permissions for extraction until 2042.

Westdown has been dormant since the 1980s and our plans to update the existing consents and reopen the quarry were submitted in 2021. These proposals included bringing the planning conditions up to date with current industry standards, plus a transformational legacy project through the proposed progressive restoration of the quarry and the adjacent Asham quarry void.

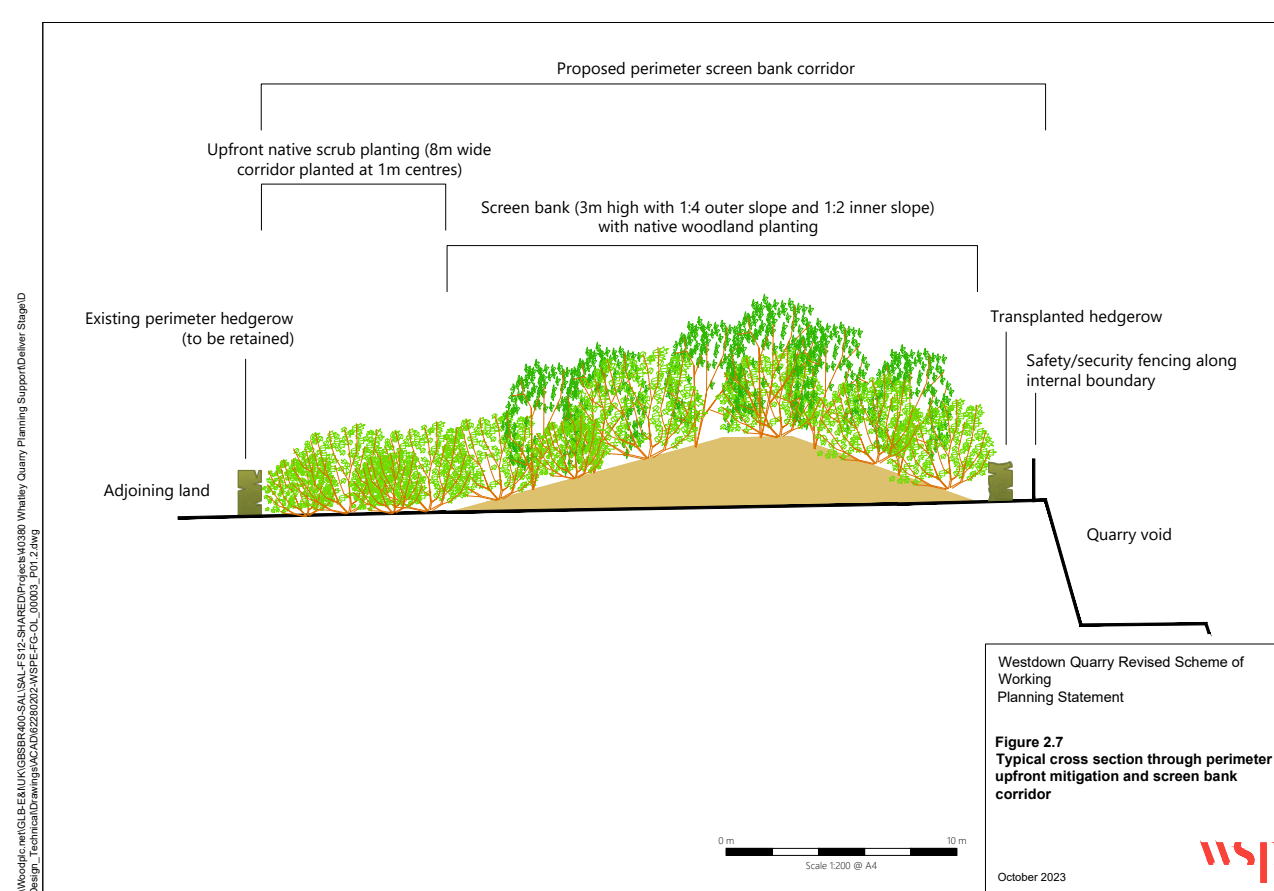
However, this application is still undetermined. That's why we have decided to revise our plans and submit proposals for a simpler scheme. We hope that this amended scheme of working, while still reflecting industry best practice, can be consented sooner, allowing us to reopen Westdown in 2025.

### What changes

- Asham quarry void will now remain completely outside of the revised scheme boundary and will no longer be used to store soil and overburden in the early stages of mineral extraction at Westdown.
- This means that our plans to fully restore Asham quarry void to better reflect the area's woodland habitats, enrich the area's fauna and provide a valuable ecological buffer and links to nearby Asham Wood SSSI, with improved Public Rights of Way (PROW), will no longer take place.
- Overburden will now need to be stored within Westdown quarry itself, constraining 20 million tonnes of mineral reserves and necessitating the double handling of materials.



Upfront offsite mitigation area



Mitigation and screen bank corridor

### What stays the same

- Our commitment to HGV volumes, with these remaining the same, or less, than the current permitted levels for Whatley.
- A new safer entrance would still be created onto the Bulls Green Link Road. This road has direct access to key routes so HGVs are kept away from local villages.
- Proposals for an offsite mitigation area also remain, with the creation of 44+ acres of well-connected woodland and grassland habitat with wetland features to the north of Westdown to enhance biodiversity.
- Extensive mitigation measures, including 3m high bunds to screen the quarry and minimise noise and dust, plus substantial habitat creation during restoration.
- Asham Wood SSSI and Special Area of Conservation to the northwest of the site remains protected.