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Bardon Hill Quarry Extension

From Design to Implementation

Project background

- Consented extension to Bardon Hill Quarry, Leics.
- 66 ha extension, yielding 130 mT "hard rock"
- Owned by Aggregate Industries UK Ltd (Holcim Group)
- 510 ha site consists mainly of low-intensity farmland, with some remnant lowland heath and ancient woodland (SSSI)
- Planning Consent in 2011.
- Implementation commenced in 2013.





Offset Analysis

- Losses and gains measured for all major habitat types at the site
- Metric: Area x condition
 - –Condition subjectively assessed (hypothetical benchmark)
 - -5 classes (pristine to heavily degraded)
- Measured over fixed time period: 25 years
 - –Is "no net loss" reached within 25 years?
- 3 types of potential biodiversity gains at Bardon Hill:
 - -"Restoration gains"
 - -"On-site offset gains"
 - -"Off-site offset gains"





Implementation



Hedgerow Translocation

Stream diversion and habitat creation

Grassland translocation

Ancient woodland soil translocation

25 Year Biodiversity Action Plan

Legally protected species - great crested newts, bats, badgers

Lichen translocation on stone blocks

Habitat creation and landscaping



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Making a Success of NNL

- Committed, professional project team with all necessary disciplines engaged
- Realistic goals
- Realistic financing
- Commitment to long-term management
- Biodiversity embedded into project design and implementation



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