



Consultation on Planning Enforcement Regulations
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Dear Sirs

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I write in response to the above.


The Quarry Products Association (Scotland) is the principal trade association representing the Scottish aggregates industry. Its members produce in excess of 80% of the aggregates extracted in the country, including sand and gravel and crushed rock as well as other non aggregate minerals such as silica sand. They are also responsible for the manufacture of approximately 95% of concrete, asphalt and other quarried products.

The members are also major owners of land, especially in rural areas, are actively involved with many local community groups and thus have a direct and relevant interest in the efficient working of the planning system.

Geographically their operations are widespread and involve a broad range of activities integral to the economic development of Scotland. The minerals industry in Scotland is an essential primary industry that provides important indigenous raw materials to meet a wide range of industrial and construction needs of the country's economy.

The Association believes that Temporary Stop Notices should be applied where there is clear abuse of the planning system such as the dumping of waste at disused quarries without the necessary approvals or where unauthorized extraction of aggregates from sites occurs. The latter is often done under the guise of farm or estate restoration, improvement or provision of new estate access roads.

Yours sincerely



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