

APPENDIX 1 – Site History

Mineral extraction commenced at Tearsall in 1972. Permissions were granted in 1973 and 1978. Enforcement action was taken in 1981 to secure compliance with conditions including unauthorised extraction of limestone and submission of an outstanding working & restoration scheme. Following the enforcement appeal, permission was granted in 1986 until May 2000 for removal of up to 1 part limestone for every 3 parts of vein mineral. Ongoing complaints and correspondence about mineral ratios, hours of working, and noise were received.

1997 - GPDO notification received for mineral exploration in fields to the west and northwest of the quarry.

1998 - application submitted in October to vary end date for restoration by waste importation to May 2006. Held in abeyance pending consideration of extension application. Further GPDO notification for exploration submitted.

1999 - application for variation of conditions and 15 year extension of time and area to fields west/northwest of existing quarry submitted in November.

2000 - application for extension refused in March and appeal lodged. Revisions to restoration application and application subsequently withdrawn. Application for 3 year renewal of 1986 permission for fluorspar and limestone registered in May, refused in August and appeal lodged. Application for fluorspar extraction from the existing site for a 3 year period approved in October and issued in December, subject to a legal agreement restricting sales of fluorspar to be via an established processor. Appeals withdrawn.

2001 - application submitted in October for temporary 3 month variation of the 2000 permission and Approved until March 2002 to remove host limestone from the site to facilitate access to deeper fluorspar reserves.

2002 - GPDO notification received for exploration on land to north of quarry.

2003 - application for a northerly extension to the site for fluorspar and limestone and variation of conditions to continue working for 16 months received and registered in October.

2004 - Extension application refused in February and appeal lodged. Complaints and correspondence about lorry movements received and Planning Contravention Notice served in March relating to lorry movements and hours of operation. Application submitted in April for additional vehicle movements until June 2004, subsequently withdrawn. Further complaint about lorry movements. Site visit in July identified that waste materials were continuing to be imported to the site. Correspondence regarding operations and restoration requirements. Slinter Mining requests amendments to restoration scheme by informal variation. Restoration Scheme submitted in November 2004. Application for a 3 year continuation of waste importation registered in December. Authority requests an Environmental Statement. Screening Direction sought by Slinter Mining.

2005 – Planning Contravention Notice served in January relating to continued waste importation, failure to restore, lorry movements and hours of operation. Authority commissions consultant to assess amount of excess waste materials deposited at the site. Plan submitted in February showing the proposed new footpath. Public Inquiry held in March into refusal of permission for northerly extension to the site. Screening Direction issued for the waste application and Slinter Mining advise that they will submit an Environmental Statement. Further complaints about lorry movements and continued waste tipping. Following committee resolution in June to proceed with enforcement action, including a stop notice, unilateral undertaking offered by Slinter Mining to cease further importation of waste pending determination of this submitted application. Authority commissions consultant to survey the site and quantify amount of excess waste materials.

Appeal for extension to the site dismissed and planning permission refused. Environmental Statement submitted in August for the 2004 waste application.

2006 – Requests for importation of small quantities of topsoil agreed in March, July and November. Notification for exploration in adjacent fields submitted by Glebe Mines in July and September. Informal scoping opinion requested for proposed extension in August. Amendments to the 2004 waste application received in July and December.

2007 – The application for further importation of materials to restore the site refused. Authority given for enforcement action to be taken to reinstate the site by varying the restoration profile from the 2000 approved plan to accommodate the excess waste materials deposited unlawfully. Meetings held with Slinter Mining to agree details. Application submitted by Glebe in August for fluorspar extraction in the fields to the west/northwest and north. Application withdrawn in December.

2008 – The current application by Glebe resubmitted in February for fluorspar extraction in the fields to the west/northwest. Slinter Mining submit report to show that some soil importation required to reinstate parts of the existing site. Slinter Mining, as land and mineral owners, advised by the Authority that enforcement action to reinstate the quarry is on hold pending determination of Glebe Mine's application. Formal notice under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations served on Glebe Mines in March requiring the submission of additional environmental information. Authority appoint a consultant in May to assess geological/geotechnical matters. Draft geological/geotechnical report provided in June for discussion with applicant. Ecological and Archaeological surveys & mitigation received in July. Supplementary report on geotechnical matters & revised phasing plans provided July/August. Further revised working and restoration plans submitted on 28 August, 12 September, and 19 September. Additional and replacement documents submitted on 22 October, 12 November, 4-10 December, and 19 December.