



Mountsorrel Quarry's new permanent screenhouse

Welcome to the latest update from Mountsorrel Quarry. Our quarry, renowned for its distinctive pink rock, plays a vital role in supplying materials for construction and infrastructure projects across Leicestershire and beyond.

In this newsletter, you'll get an update on our replacement screenhouse, the community projects we have been supporting, and on our planning application for a northern and south-eastern extension to the quarry.

Reducing our impacts with our new permanent screenhouse

In 2022, we experienced a serious fire at the quarry that resulted in severe damage to our screenhouse. This rendered the screenhouse inoperable. The building is essential to our operations as it is where we sort the crushed stone into different sizes.

To continue to meet local and national demand for our mineral, we had to use a temporary mobile screening plant throughout last year. We were granted planning approval for the replacement screenhouse in August 2023 and construction progressed immediately.

We're pleased to confirm that the new screenhouse is now complete. It will again completely enclose our mineral screening operations, reducing the potential for noise and dust. We have also invested in the latest technologies, including an internal dust suppression system. Additional cladding will more effectively seal the building compared to the previous screenhouse. We are also re-training our team on site as the equipment we are now using is more technologically advanced with more options and tighter controls than anything we've operated before.

The commissioning of the screenhouse took place during the first half of this year. We removed

the mobile processing plant earlier in the year. This will reduce dust and noise from the quarry processing operations. We recognise there has been a local impact following the fire due to the use of temporary operations and thank residents for their understanding during this challenging period.

Our dust monitoring data

Charnwood Borough Council publishes its own independent monitoring of the air quality around Mountsorrel Quarry. However, last year, following feedback from residents, we committed to publishing our own dust monitoring data on a quarterly basis. This is available via our website: <https://mountsorrel.tarmac.com/environment/>

Supporting community projects

Since 2020, the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund has provided over £125,000 to the communities around the quarry as well as ad hoc project support through donations and volunteering. In the last year we have supported several exciting community projects. This includes Barrow upon Soar's community managed library where we provided them with a donation to resurface their car park.

We are always looking for local groups and projects to support. If you have a project that needs our support, please email mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com

For more information about the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund, please contact Derbyshire Environmental Trust on 01629 539182 or 01629 538614, or at det@derbyshire.gov.uk

An operational update

We are currently extracting granite in the southern and eastern sections of the quarry, where the old primary crusher used to be located. To work on this particular area, we may need to use a breaker. This is a piece of machinery that prepares the quarry benches for extraction by breaking up the uneven top layer of the rock, creating a level platform for our subsequent blasting activities.

This machinery has been a part of our operations at Mountsorrel for years. However, we acknowledge that operating in this section has led to noise levels carrying more than usual.

We want to assure those of you who may have experienced higher than usual noise levels that these

will decrease as we move into the next sections of the quarry. In the meantime, we have taken steps to mitigate the impact of noise:

Restricted hours: If necessary, we will only use the breaker between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Advance notice: Those on our blasting mailing list will receive emails informing them of the scheduled use of the breaker.

If you would like to sign up to our blasting mailing list, please email mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com.

Introducing Josh!

We have a new senior operations manager at Mountsorrel Quarry. Meet Josh Mason. He has worked at the quarry for a while, but we've done a brief Q&A with Josh so you can get to know him.

Q: What's your role at the quarry?

A: I'm responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the site in supplying essential construction materials.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the second half of 2024?

A: After the challenges of 2023, 2024 is shaping up to be an exciting year for us at the quarry. I have been particularly excited about two things: commissioning the new screenhouse with the benefits that will give us in terms of production and our neighbours in terms of impacts; and completing the restoration of Site 2 - an area to the south west of the quarry off Kinchley Lane, which we're on track to open in the coming months.



Josh

Q: What are your main interests outside of work?

A: I'm a massive sports fan, and particularly love golf and cricket, which is great as it is now summer. I also enjoy going to live music events whenever I can.

Planning application

We submitted our planning application for a northern and south-eastern extension to Mountsorrel Quarry in October. Our proposals seek to increase the working life of the quarry by 18 years to 2058.

We have recently received what is known as a Reg 25. This is where a planning authority, in this case LCC, requests applicants submit additional information required for a planning determination. We are currently preparing this additional information and once we have responded, the application will go out for further consultation, once again providing local residents with the opportunity to submit their views.

If you are interested in viewing any of the documents that we submitted as part of our planning application, please visit Leicestershire County Council's planning register and search for: 2023/EIA/0096/LCC.

Please keep in touch

We hope this update has been useful and informative. If you ever have any comments or questions about our operations, we want to hear from you. Please email us via mountsorrelquarryfeedback@tarmac.com

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Additional Resources

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