

Birks Royd Stone Ltd

Ten Yards Lane Quarry Waste Recovery Facility

Bespoke Recovery Permit Application

Non-Technical Summary

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Silkstone Environmental Ltd acting on behalf of Birks Royd Stone Ltd has submitted a bespoke recovery permit application at Ten Yards Lane Quarry, Denholme

Ten Yards Lane Quarry is an operational sandstone quarry and is located approximately 1km east of Denholme and 1.3km north west of Thornton, Grid Ref SE081339 (E 408120, N 434000). It is directly to the east of Ten Yards Lane..

The quarry is worked for sandstone block and flagstone of the Elland Flagstone series of the Lower Carboniferous (Westphalian A) geological strata.

The current planning permitted quarrying operations result in a shortfall of the final 2m depth of material required to restore the site back to original ground levels and its previous agricultural use. Planning permission no. 20/04618/VOC, Condition 5 permits for the importation of suitable inert material to complete the quarry restoration and for the land to be suitable for agricultural use.

Part of the quarry has been restored to date using available quarry backfill. The remainder of the quarry which is still being worked requires the importation of inert material to complete the quarry restoration. The shortfall of material to achieve the planning permitted restoration profile is 58,800m³ (approximately 100,000 tonnes)

The current planning permission permits the importation of inert material to make up the final 2m depth of material shortfall for restoration.

Imported waste to be used for the final 2m depth of quarry restoration would comprise clean uncontaminated rock, subsoil, brick, concrete and ceramic waste.

It is estimated waste will be imported at 10,000 tonnes per annum over a 10 year period.

A standard rules permit application was rejected and returned on the 19th October 2023 due to the proximity of an historic landfill dating back to the 1980's so we were advised that a Standard Rules Permit would not be applicable. Also, the previous WRP was considered to be out of date due to changes in guidance and therefore a new waste recovery plan was submitted and approved on the 9th June 2025.

Although this a bespoke permit application due to the proximity of the historic landfill, the application is based on the standard rules requirements and the WMS and Risk Assessments are based on Standard Rules as we believe the historic landfill, although had an historic WML in place it was never implemented as no evidence has ever been observed as the location of this is in an area which has been quarried by the operator and fully backfilled and restored with quarry wastes only.

Three gas and groundwater monitoring boreholes have been installed and background monitoring has been undertaken since August 2026 and will continue until the permit can be surrendered.

Silkstone Environmental Ltd
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