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# Intro

## 1 Introduction

The following document represents an LVIA Scoping study of potential views and initial thoughts regarding the possible visual impacts during and once the proposed scheme has finished.

An initial review of various Character Assessments has been carried out to set the scene of the visual impacts.

This document is not a Landscape Visual Impact Statement. The judgements and evaluations within this report are the professional opinion of Richard Cowley prior to any further more detailed work.

Following best practice guidelines including GLVIA3 published by the Landscape Institute this document aims to identify a long list of view-points and offer initial thoughts on potential impacts of the proposal to aid a decision on whether a full Environmental Impact Assessment will be needed.

A special requirement for the following magnitude of change not normally seen or identified in GLVIA3 but nevertheless essential in this particular circumstance:

**Minor Neutral:** For the purpose of this report this magnitude represents a change in the visual landscape that may be minor, but has neither Beneficial or Adverse effects, but demonstrates a continual working of an activity which although affecting the landscape, will NOT constitute a major positive or negative effect. It represents an acceptable working change.

The requirement for this change relates to the Minor change regarding operations being carried out on a site which has historically had much greater and continuous quarry operations with a Neutral impact as I believe the arguments of positive and negative balance each other out.

This assessment has not considered any potential mitigation plans e.g. planting schemes post activity to screen removed spoil.

# 1 Potential Viewpoints

## Method

The aim of the following pages is to set the scene of the quarry and its location within the valley and beyond. Photos that look onto or over the quarry have been rated as to their anticipated magnitude of change based on the impressions and thoughts of the author.



## 1.1 Viewpoint 01 Lane



View from adjacent lane into site

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

View looking over existing quarry processing area and material storage, from a public highway.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.2 Viewpoint 2 Property 2



View looking away from quarry towards southern edge of Snowdonia National Park edge Northwest direction.

**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Context of property, valley shape and hills beyond

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
NA

## 1.3 Viewpoint 3 Higher Lane



View looking away from site further up lane where it starts to bend and be screening by trees, topography

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Demonstrating lane characteristics further north-west from site, approx 600m.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

NA

## 1.4 Viewpoint 4 Footpath to Mynydd Cacen



View through southern quarry face

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Shows existing spoil tips, proposal tip reduction on right of footpath.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.5 Viewpoint 5 Into Site From Footpath



View from Footpath to Mynydd Cacen

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Overlooking existing quarry operations and waste tips.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.6 Viewpoint 6 Winding House



View of listed winding house

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Shows a protected structure in need of restoration, not within site.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

If restored, any quarry activities away from building and associate gear would be a **Major Beneficial** 'working setting, like a cathedral with active worshipping.

## 1.7 Viewpoint 7 Into Site From Footpath



View from Footpath to Mynydd Cacen

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Overlooking existing quarry operations and waste tips.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.8 Viewpoint 8 Over Southern Lower Tips



View over tips with footpath in middle distance

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Shows the inner working edges of proposal tip reduction.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.9 Viewpoint 9 Mynydd Cacen Setting



View of Mynydd Cacen and setting, local trees screening, looking north west. from footpath above

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing valley shape, interspersed trees and topographical trends.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

NA

## 1.10 Viewpoint 10 Active Working



View showing working tip spoil recovery

**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Context of active areas.

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
NA

## 1.1.1 Viewpoint 11 Within Workings



View looking south east, over workings towards overgrown spoil tips towards elevated footpath

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing working areas, potential tip removal and quarry environs.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.12 Viewpoint 12 South Valley Tips



View looking west towards south valley side

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

From active working area towards higher slate tips/screeds to be left alone.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.13 Viewpoint 13 Processing Looking North



View looking north from processing area

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Shows active processing area, unused built forms and open countryside to north slopes.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.14 Viewpoint 14 Local Industry



View inside small industrial unit crafting processed slate



**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Demonstrating active craftsmanship.

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
NA

## 1.15 Viewpoint 15 Residential Property Group 1



View showing local residential mining/quarrying historic communities

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

View showing local residential mining/quarrying historic communities, main street, local hamlet context.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

NA from view

## 1.16 Viewpoint 16 Main Street of Hamlet



View shows built forms and high ridge planting screening proposals

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

View shows built forms and high ridge planting screening proposal

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Neutral

## 1.17 Viewpoint 17 South East Property



View of single property near site boundary

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Main street and property, demonstrating screening left of house by mature vegetation.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Neutral

## 1.18 Viewpoint 18 Historical Wall and Water



View of local river systems and man made interventions

**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Local water system context below site to east.

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
Neutral

## 1.19 Viewpoint 19 Minor Road Junction



View from lane looking north west towards site

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

View of local road intersection with quarry in middle distance, proposals screened by topography and vegetation.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Neutral

## 1.20 Viewpoint 20 Wild Bog Network



View looking south showing walling and overgrown bogs/water courses

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing south east green bog buffer zone just beyond site to east.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

NA

## 1.21 Viewpoint 21 South East Lane



View looking towards processing area, looking north west

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Local lane towards site showing existing, views closed by vegetation screening..

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.22 Viewpoint 22 Panorama Footpath Looking West



View over site from south eastern edge

**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Showing valley workings past and present.

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.23 Viewpoint 23 Panorama Over Workings Looking East



View looking east showing near operation site and valley side historic operations from spoil heap to be reduced

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing context and inner extents of proposal set amongst vast historic quarry/mine spoil sites.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.24 Viewpoint 24 Panorama Over Workings Looking East



View walking further east from Viewpoint 23

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing context and inner extents of proposal set amongst vast historic quarry/mine spoil sites.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.25 Viewpoint 25 Looking North Panorama From Footpath



View from footpath towards Mynydd Cacen

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Looking north west up the valley demonstrating topography, local properties and spoil activity.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Not Assessed

## 1.26 Viewpoint 26 Property 2 Panorama



View of property and existing spoil tip context

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Showing property 2 with associated nearby spoil tips

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.27 Viewpoint 27 Inner Valley Tip



View looking east down valley over proposed tip to be reduced

**Viewpoint Representation and Description**  
Inner tip operations and context.

**Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**  
Minor Neutral: The proposals would breath life into a valued quarry environment.

## 1.28 Viewpoint 28 Local Properties



View of local main street with residential traditional terrace properties located behind large hill

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Local properties in relation to site, mostly topographically screening removes views.

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Not Assessed individually - Neutral

## 1.29 Viewpoint 29 Local Junction



View looking west from highway junction

### **Viewpoint Representation and Description**

Local rural highway junction and associate built forms

### **Anticipated Magnitude of Change of View**

Neutral



## 2 Conclusions

**6.1** In conclusion, this LVIA Scoping Viewpoints Assessment has sought to carry out an initial draft assessment of potential visual effects which may happen once the proposal is operational. It is hard to justify any additional negative effects when considering the existing vast scale of the historic quarry tip and the very limited reductionary effects of the proposals. Most views will not be adversely affected, indeed if we are to support this historic working Welsh quarry site, one may applaud the very minimal effects which keep this nationally significant industry alive, beyond the reaches of a static UNESCO status.





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