

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 21 (1) B REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

COUNCIL PLANNING REFERENCE NO: 13/0732/MIN

PROPOSAL: Mine approximately 6 million tonnes of coal from the Nant Llesg Surface Mine using surface mining methods; to remediate land within and adjacent to the surface mine; to carry out road improvement works at the junction of Fochriw Road and Bogey Road and access points to Cwmbargoed Disposal Point; to form a new vehicular access to the mine off Fochriw Road; to carry out works on Rhaslas Pond; to provide all necessary buildings, plant and facilities ancillary to the surface mine; to erect a new building at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point and install within it a new coal washing plant; to provide a new water recycling facility at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point; to use facilities at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point to prepare, process and dispatch coal to market for the duration of mining operations at the Nant Llesg Surface Mine; to provide new water treatment facilities for the period 31st December 2024 until the cessation of mining operations at the Nant Llesg Surface Mine; to investigate, treat, remove and/or cap waste materials at an existing licensed inert landfill site within the scheme; and to progressively restore the land in accordance with the proposed restoration strategy followed by a minimum five-year period of aftercare of the land

LOCATION: Approximately 478.1 Ha Of Land West And South-West Of Rhymney, North And West Of Pontlottyn And Fochriw And Wholly Within The County Borough Of Caerphilly

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited Cwmbargoed Disposal Point Fochriw Road Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4AE

PLEASE BE HEREBY ADVISED THAT ON 5TH AUGUST 2015, CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL RESOLVED TO REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT.

The reason for the council's decision was: -

"The proposed overburden mound and acoustic bund would, during their construction and removal, have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the residents of Rhymney, Fochriw and Abertysswg, and an adverse visual impact upon the Brecon Beacons National Park. Those aspects of the proposed development would be contrary to policy CW2 (A) of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2021 – Adopted November 2010."

Copies of the decision notice, together with the Environmental Statement, the application, plans, and the documents submitted with the application may be inspected during normal office hours at Ty Pontllanfraith, Blackwood Road, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood, NP12 2YW. If you wish to speak to the Officer dealing with this, you should make an appointment beforehand.

Copies of all of the above documents are also available for inspection at www.caerphilly.gov.uk/planning/NantLlesgSurfaceMine/

For Head of Regeneration and Planning

Date: