



VIEW FROM NORTH OF SITE, LOOKING IN AN EASTERN DIRECTION

CRAIG FARM ESTATE

INTRODUCTION

SITE LOCATION

The proposed Craig Farm site is located within inland Aberdeenshire.

The proposed quarry is approximately 1.9 miles from Rhynie to the North East, and Lumsden, is approximately 2 miles to the South East.

Site access is from the B9002, which links to the A97 to the East.



GEOLOGY

British Geological Survey mapping indicates the superficial deposits across the proposed quarry working area are glaciofluvial deposits of gravel, sand, silt and clay, which were formed up to three million years ago in the Quaternary Period.

Geological site investigation has been undertaken and laboratory testing has confirmed the high quality of the sand and gravel at the site. The sand and gravel is primarily sand suitable for use in the production of ready mixed concrete and asphalt for road surfacing.

SITE CONTEXT

The Site comprises:

- A working area of 7.6 hectares surrounded by an ancillary area which will be used for the construction of screening mounds, tree planting and biodiversity enhancements; and
- Land to the South West (outlined in orange) which will be used for the access road.

The proposed working area is currently undulating improved grazing land and rises from South to North. The area is bounded by trees to the East and North and the U79M Wheedlemont Road lies to the South East and the South West. A man-made pond and an additional area of trees sits to the South West between the proposed extraction area and the access area. A more substantial woodland sits to the South of the Wheedlemont Road.

