

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

On submission of the planning application the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be made available for public inspection through the Planning Authority's website. A Non-Technical Summary of the EIA Report will also be made available.

The EIA will include a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) that will fully address the effects of the scheme on views, landscape features and landscape character.

Effects on ecology will be considered within the EIA. Once the proposed access route is finalised further studies will be undertaken as required.

There will be no discharge from the site to surrounding water-courses, and measures will be in place to prevent surface water leaving the quarry during periods of heavy rainfall.

- Cnoc Cailliche fort, Scheduled Monument to the North of the proposed quarry;
- The category A listed Craig Castle; and
- The associated sundial and walled garden.
- Tap O' Noth fort, Scheduled Monument to the North East of the proposed quarry.

An archaeological and heritage impact assessment the site will be included within the EIA. This will assess impacts upon designated heritage sites taking into account mitigation and screening together with the potential for impacts upon unknown archaeology within the site.

The proposal is for a small-scale sand and gravel extraction and processing operation, with low outputs.

The potential for dust generation is limited by the nature of the operation. It is proposed that the planning application will be accompanied by a Dust Management Plan to formalise good practice measures to control dust at source during operations.

Specialist Consultants are undertaking a noise assessment. Scottish Government Guidance places strict limits on noise from quarry operations and the assessment will confirm how these can and will be met. A full noise assessment report will form part of the EIA.

It is anticipated that upgrade work will need to be undertaken to the B9002 in order to accommodate the proposed additional use of the road by quarry related HGV's. A draft package of improvements has been prepared on behalf of Leiths by Consulting Engineers Fairhurst and will be refined through consultation.

