

Mineral Extraction

Bowland Ecology Ltd has undertaken work at a large number of minerals extraction sites. Our experience of minerals sites includes: aggregates, hard rock and peat extraction. We have undertaken numerous EIAs throughout the Country: Cumbria, Yorkshire, Norfolk, Cheshire, Leicestershire and Lancashire.

During 2010 we undertook the ecological input to an EIA for an ongoing peat extraction site as part of a ROMP application in relation to planning conditions for the site. Our input involved detailed ecological surveys (birds, amphibians, water vole and habitats) and the production of a peatland restoration plan.

We have prepared the ecological input to a number of ROMP applications and applications for quarry extensions, a number of which required EIA: Hard Rock: Roan Edge, Hartley, Potgate. Aggregate: Forest Hill, Holt, Methley, Slip Inn, Moneystone, Block Fen, Tern Hill. Peat Extraction: Simonswood Moss. We have provided ecological support on the following projects:

Potgate Quarry, Ripon, ROMP: Bowland Ecology has undertaken the ecological assessment for a ROMP for the extension of the existing limestone extraction operated by Lightwater Quarries Ltd. In addition to consultation with statutory consultees, Bowland Ecology contributed to the restoration plans, for which the creation of Magnesian limestone grassland is a consideration. The ROMP application was submitted in 2012.

Hartley Quarry, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, ROMP: Bowland Ecology undertook the Ecological Assessment for a ROMP application for two extension areas at this unique sites in Cumbria. The site is rich in biodiversity and supports limestone pavement and limestone grassland, red squirrel, white clawed crayfish, bats, badger and a varied breeding bird assemblage. Bowland Ecology also advised on restoration plans for the whole site, which included the reinstatement of flow to a river which was diverted when the quarry was first established.

Moneystone Quarry: Bowland Ecology was commissioned by Laver Leisure to undertake the ecological aspects of an EIA for a 430 acre site in Staffordshire. The landholding includes SSSI, non-statutory wildlife sites and a wide range of protected species. We were commissioned specifically because of our track record of dealing with complex EIAs and successful negotiations with regulators.



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