

**Application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing and Proposed
Use/Activity
- Pendrethen Quarry, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly**

Statement by:

My name is: Brian J Sandford

I live at : Flat 1 Gorregan House, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, Cornwall

I am currently a general builder.

I hereby say as follows:

1. I have lived on the Isles of Scilly from MARCH 1968 until the present day.
2. During this time I established a building and civil engineering contracting firm on the Isles of Scilly, ABS Building Contractors. We were the lessees of Pendrethen Quarry from around 1987 until 2003. We took on the lease of the Quarry from the Duchy of Cornwall as part of a transfer of the Quarry business to ABS from the previous operator, Mr Roy Mitchell. As the proprietor of ABS Building Contractors my position included the role of **Quarry Operator at Pendrethen**. During this time I witnessed or was directly involved with the following activities at the quarry:
 - a. The frequent haulage and importation of local inert rubble construction and demolition arisings for recycling, mainly by crushing and /or screening and reuse as aggregate or fill sold into the local market (including in ABS projects) but also where applicable for recovery as building/ walling stone
 - b. Within the Quarry, primary extraction, and/or retrieval of existing granite blocks, followed by crushing and screening of this material for use as aggregate off- and on-site.

- c. Within the Quarry, Drilling and blasting, and/or retrieval of existing granite blocks, followed by sorting of the won material for use as building and facing stone.
 - d. Recovery of sand and gravel from local 'ram' deposits at the quarry for processing and production of aggregate and use, as above.
 - e. Continuous improvement of the Quarry facilities including Removal and treatment of inert historic rubble and other materials as part of quarry activities.
 - f. Receipt of inert geological materials (local 'ram', sand, gravel, cobbles) from off-site (including intertidal sand and stone from Bar Point and local 'ram' from Porth Wreck, although the extraction of intertidal sand and stone ceased during my operating period) for processing and production of aggregate for use elsewhere on the Island.
3. I confirm that during my time as **Quarry Operator** at Pendrethen Quarry:
- a. The site had the same boundaries as exist today.
 - b. The haulage and importation of local inert rubble construction and demolition arisings for recycling, mainly by crushing and screening and reuse as aggregate was normal practice.
 - c. The sorting and processing of newly won and existing quarried granite blocks at the quarry, as well as locally recovered / extracted geological materials, for off-site construction and road building purposes, was normal practice.
4. I confirm that since relinquishing my tenancy of the quarry and ceasing my activity at the site, I have visited the quarry on many occasions during the last ten years whilst occupied and operated by Diccon Rogers. Although the dredging of intertidal sand has long since ceased from Bar Point, as has the removal of ram from Porth Wreck, and there is not currently any primary extraction of stone under way at Pendrethen, I have not otherwise observed any processing activities that are materially different in nature or of increased scale to that undertaken during my time as **Quarry Operator** from 1987 until 2003.

5. I believe that the facts stated are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: 

BRIAN J SANDFORD

This / th 5 Day of October 2015