

# Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan Pre Consultation Cragnook, Quarry

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*By Email*

Dear Sirs

## **Lazonby Neighbourhood Plan – pre-Consultation Cragnook Quarry**

Blockstone Ltd have held a lease of the quarrying rights at Cragnook Quarry from the Brackenburgh Estate for over 20 years and we drill and blast the Lazonby Red Sandstone on a regular basis. The stone is exported from site for processing at our Cadeby yard and at many other yards throughout UK for use in construction projects.

We have been made aware of the Plan's proposal to designate our only access road into a Public Footpath and this gives us great cause for concern on risk and Health and Safety grounds. We have to keep the roadside gate padlocked to protect our machinery left overnight on site from theft and vandalism when we are in a programme of quarrying and extraction. To give the public access at all times would cause us severe difficulties in both Health & Safety and security.

The access road is largely unfenced but protected by the entrance gate and is part of the quarrying boundary and as such cannot have public right of access. We quarry on a regular basis with planning for 45 HGV lorry movements per week out of the quarry plus the quarrying machinery. This is obviously not compatible with the access road being a public footpath.

We would therefore request that the Steering Group takes account of our operations and removes the proposal from the Consultation version of the plan which we understand is the next stage of the process.

We are happy to elaborate on the matter should wish to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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