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Dear Ms Iles,

**Temporary Variation of Condition 3 – LW/799/CM – LW/17/0940 – Aggregate Processing, East Quay, Newhaven Harbour, Newhaven BN9 0BN**

Brett currently operates under the above referenced planning permission which allows for:

*'the construction and use of plant, namely aggregate processing plant, aggregate bagging plant, concrete batching plant and buildings, ancillary offices and stores for processing and utilising aggregates landed at Newhaven Port and distribution of the products by road and rail together with access to the public highway and the extension of an existing rail siding.'*

Imported sea dredged sand and gravel is currently discharged from ships onto the quayside at East Quay, where it is then transported by conveyor to an existing aggregates processing plant. The raw material is then sorted into various sizes and grades of aggregate products ready for distribution from site via HGVs or by train. Some of the processed aggregates goes into the production of ready mixed concrete on site and some is transferred to an independent bagging company for onward distribution by HGVs.

Condition 3 of Planning Permission LW/17/0940, restricts the hours of operation of the development, as described above, and is hindering the supply of aggregates to a market that is increasing in demand for our products, which states the following:

*'The site shall not be used for the development hereby permitted other than between the hours of 07.00 - 18.00 on Mondays to Fridays inclusive and 07.00 - 13.00 on Saturdays, except for the loading of train wagons with aggregate material, which shall take place between the hours of 06.00 - 20.00 on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, excluding on Bank and Public Holidays. There shall be no activities outside these times except in an emergency or unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.'*

In order to meet some of the shortfall in this increasing need and reliance on imported sand and gravel resources, as existing reserves are exhausted, Brett is proposing new operating hours on a 6 months temporary trial at its East Quay site and request the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport approval for the temporary relaxation of the wording of condition 3 to allow the processing of sand and gravel activities only to operate between the hours of 07.00 - 20.00 on Mondays to Fridays inclusive and 07.00 - 17.00 on Saturdays.



It is requested that the 6 months trial period ends on 30 November 2023 and, should the relaxation of operating hours run smoothly without public complaint, Brett would look to make the temporary relaxation a permanent request by the submission of a section 73 Planning Application.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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**Senior Planning Manager**