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REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

APPLICATION NO. 13/0732/MIN

APPLICANT

Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited
Cwmbargoed Disposal Point
Fochriw Road
Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 4AE

AGENT

Leek & Weston Ltd
Mr R Leek
29 Gelliwastad Road
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WHEREAS on 10 October 2013, you submitted an application for permission to Mine approximately 6 million tonnes of coal from the Nant Llesg Surface Mine using surface mining methods; to remediate land within and adjacent to the surface mine, to carry out road improvement works at the junction of Fochriw Road and Bogey Road and access points to Cwmbargoed Disposal Point; to form a new vehicular access to the mine off Fochriw Road; to carry out works on Rhaslas Pond; to provide all necessary buildings, plant and facilities ancillary to the surface mine; to erect a new building at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point and install within it a new coal washing plant; to provide a new water recycling facility at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point; to use facilities at Cwmbargoed Disposal Point to prepare, process and dispatch coal to market for the duration of mining operations at the Nant Llesg Surface Mine; to provide new water treatment facilities for the period 31st December 2024 until the cessation of mining operations at the Nant Llesg Surface Mine; to investigate, treat, remove and/or cap waste materials at an existing licensed inert landfill site within the scheme; and to progressively restore the land in accordance with the proposed restoration strategy followed by a minimum five-year period of aftercare of the land at Approximately 478.1 Ha Of Land West And South-West Of Rhymney, North And West Of Pontlottyn And Fochriw And Wholly Within The County Borough Of Caerphilly, , , (hereinafter called "the development")



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The Caerphilly County Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority hereby REFUSES the development.

The reason for the Council's decision is:-

- 01 The proposed overburden mound and acoustic bund would during their construction and removal have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the residents of Rhymney, Fochriw and Abertysswg, and an adverse visual impact upon the Brecon Beacons National Park. Those aspects of the proposed development would be contrary to Policy CW2 (A) of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up 2021 - Adopted November 2010.

DATED: 7 August 2015

Head of Regeneration and Planning