

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Secretary of State intervenes to Protect Cornish Community from Superquarry Plans**

Government decision overturns recent Cornwall Council planning decision to re-open Dean Quarry and supply rock for Tidal Lagoon Power Station.

Action group Cornwall Against Dean Superquarry (CADS) have received a decision from The Rt Hon Greg Clark, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government overturning recently approved planning permission granted by Cornwall Council to re-open Dean Quarry without an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The Secretary of State concluded that because of the size and nature of the development it is likely to have significant effects on the Cornwall AONB, Coverack to Porthoustock SSSI, the nearby Lizard Special Area of Conservation and the Manacles Marine Conservation Zone.

CADS understands that the planning permission granted to Shire Oak Quarries Limited by Cornwall Council on April 8th 2015 has now been withdrawn. The action group are meeting with solicitors to discuss what the consequences of this decision mean for the future of Dean Quarry.

This decision was received on the same day that Amber Rudd, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change gave the green light on planning permission to build the world's first tidal lagoon power station in Swansea Bay.

The small Cornish communities on the Lizard Peninsula have, for months, been threatened with the reopening and massive upsizing of Dean Quarry following a heated public meeting in January 2015. Shire Oak Quarries Ltd proposed to extract and ship millions of tonnes of rock through a Marine Conservation Zone.

###

**ENDS**

Further information and imagery available from:

Alison McGregor

Phone 07432 457393

[www.cads2015.com](http://www.cads2015.com)

Twitter: @cads2015

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CADS2015](http://www.facebook.com/CADS2015)