

High Court Judge will rule within weeks, following the 13th Nov Judicial Review, on whether to quash Shire Oak Quarries Ltd Planning Application granted by Cornwall Council.

The Hon. Mr Justice Dove scrutinises the legality of Cornwall Council's approval for major industrial development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty without an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Action group Cornwall Against Dean Superquarry (CADS) are waiting on a judgement for the Judicial Review that took place at Bristol High Court on 13th November 2015 in the case Roskilly v Cornwall Council and Shire Oak Quarries Limited.

Silke Roskilly, (who is also a director of CADS) has challenged, via Judicial Review, planning permission granted to Shire Oak Quarries Limited by Cornwall Council on 8th April 2015 to re-open Dean Quarry without an EIA. No environmental information or statement was requested, prepared or considered prior to the planning decision being made.

Dean Quarry is within the Coverack to Porthoustock Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and extends seawards into the Manacles Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). The quarry also immediately abuts a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

CADS are pleased with the way the hearing went for Silke Roskilly and her legal team from Stephens Scown LLP. The group are encouraged that the arguments they put forward were well constructed and carefully considered by The Hon. Mr Justice Dove.

Solicitor Chris Tofts of Stephens Scown commented: 'It was clear that the Judge was critical with the way that Cornwall Council had handled aspects of the planning application. This case turns on a novel point of law and due to the impacts it may have, the Judge may wish to seek the views of the Secretary of State before giving his judgment'. For this reason CADS cannot say when a decision will be reached.

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Silke Roskilly, together with her family, run an organic farm on The Lizard Peninsula. The milk from their herd of 125 Jersey cows is the core of their business. Roskilly's currently employ 32 local people in full time positions throughout the year. This number increases by a further 28 jobs between March and October each year.

The small Cornish communities and local businesses 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 tones of rock through a Marine Conservation Zone.

A further press release will be issued by CADS as soon as the outcome of the Judicial Review is announced.

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