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Balblair Quarry, Beauly

Client

Aggregate Industries

Location

Highland

Services Provided

Agreement of scope of archaeological works and management

Date of Completion

May 2013

Key Issues

Agreement of the scope of works for a multi-phase extraction programme.

Achieving best value through competitive tendering and cost comparison.

Managing site works to minimise duration and cost.

A planning application for extraction of further reserves of sand and gravel over 12.5ha was approved with a condition requiring that it be accompanied by a programme of archaeological works. Previous phases of extraction at the quarry had encountered archaeological remains including a prehistoric burial cairn

CgMs were commissioned to formulate and agree a written scope of work with Highland Council to cover all phases of extraction over several years. We also supplied a competitive quote and estimated total for the first phase of required works based on a comparison of contractors' rates that were deemed likely to be accrued. The predicted amount of remains was exposed and their excavation was managed within the estimated total cost. The work was successfully completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority and client.



Meeting a representative of Highland Council at the quarry to discuss the results of the monitoring.

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