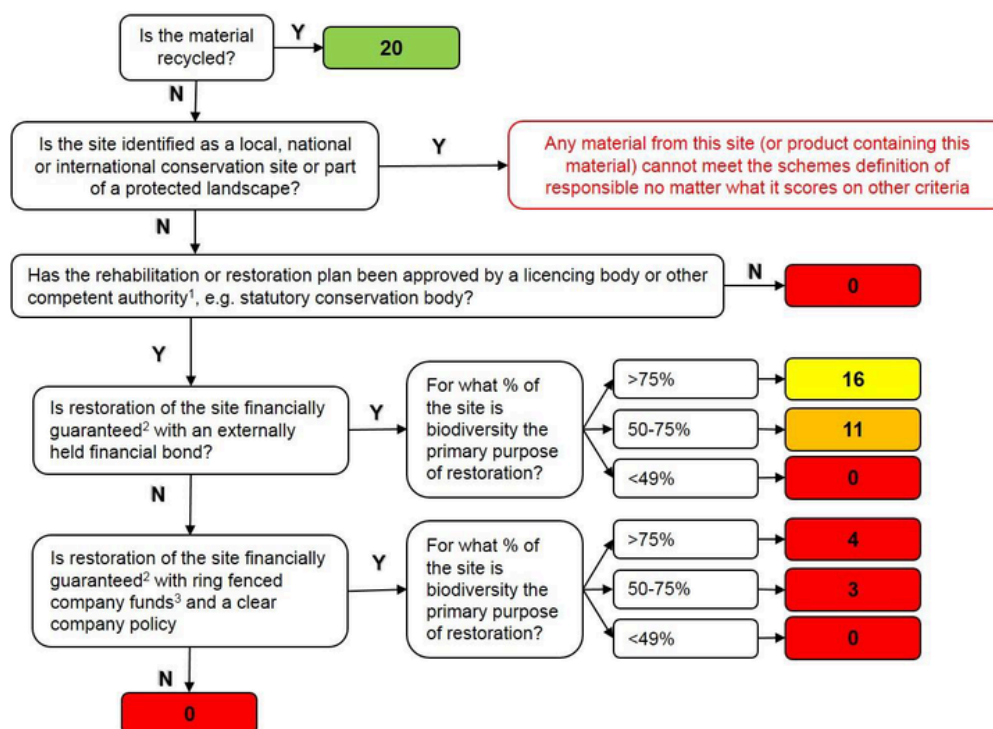


## WHAT'S COVERED

- Quarrying or mining processes, especially near ecologically sensitive sites.
- Restoration or reclamation plans for quarries/mines post-extraction.
- Potential damage to local habitats (dust, noise, clearing vegetation, etc.).



<sup>1</sup> Where there is no Competent Authority an alternative external reviewer must be agreed with the Technical Committee

<sup>2</sup> that guarantees sufficient resource for restoration of the site

<sup>3</sup> published in company's public accounts NB: Company track record of restoration is not sufficient

## EVIDENCE NEEDED

- Location details proving the site isn't in a protected area (national park, wildlife reserve).
- A formal restoration plan (and evidence of secured funding) for rehabilitating the mine or quarry.
- Environmental permits or approvals for extraction activities.
- Records on any re-vegetation or habitat creation efforts (e.g., turning an old quarry into wetland).

## WAYS TO IMPROVE

- Source minerals from existing, well-managed sites rather than opening new extraction areas.
- Ensure thorough post-mining restoration that provides wildlife habitat (wetlands, woodland, etc.).
- Check that your supplier has strong environmental commitments (they meet or exceed local regs).
- Use recycled mineral materials (e.g., reprocessed aggregates) where feasible.