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No rock crushing at Middlegate: Minister

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, said today that she was concerned at inaccurate rumours in the community about the nature of the earthworks which have begun next to the Malcolm Champion Oval at Middlegate. She said that she was delighted that the work had commenced and stressed that no rock crushing would take place on the site.

“As I announced on 11th February”, Mrs Jack said, “Agreement has been reached with one of the contractors from the Cascade Cliff Safety Project to sort the fill in the oval and to recover good rock. This process has commenced with some excavations, the screening of materials and the stockpiling of recovered rock. Every effort is being made to minimise inconvenience to nearby residents and to reduce noise and dust. There will be no crushing of rock at the site”.

The Minister said that apart from her public announcement in February, she had personally written to all affected local property owners explaining the nature of the works. She said that residents with any concerns about the conduct of the work, the site or any related issue, should contact, in the first instance, Mr Michael Johnston, Manager Public Works, on telephone 22006 or 80271.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment

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