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Hello Steve,

Hope you are keeping well. Please see attached response to the above consultation at Lea Castle Farm for your consideration.

Other matters:

I have got quite a few ongoing complex quarry consultations to look through within Shropshire and Worcestershire at the moment. With other work commitments and upcoming leave etc, I am going to have to respond to these towards the end

To: WestMidsPlanning

I would be grateful to receive any comments that you may wish to make on the further information / application by **4 p2021** by email or by post to the address below. If this is not possible then please let me know.

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Please note that all correspondence regarding any planning application will be available for inspection by the applicant and any interested third parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Steve


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FAO: Steven Aldridge

FURTHER INFORMATION - PROPOSED SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRY WITH PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION USING SITE DERIVED AND IMPORTED INERT MATERIAL TO AGRICULTURAL PARKLAND, PUBLIC ACCESS AND NATURE ENHANCEMENT AT LAND AT LEA CASTLE FARM, WOLVERLEY ROAD, BROADWATERS, KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE

I refer to your consultation on further information submitted in support of the above application, including the BCL Hydro

monitoring programme should establish the following parameters:

1. Mounding beneath the soakaway ponds is not occurring.
2. Water quality in and groundwater around the soakaway ponds is unpolluted.
3. Groundwater levels in and around the site are not reducing (as a result of this development/extraction).

We also advised that an Environmental Permit will be required, from us, for the storage, treatment and disposal of inert extractive wastes resulting from the extraction of mineral

two monitoring networks to be combined, as part of the two regulatory regimes, if the monitoring locations are in the right place, to ensure efficiencies.

The applicant should be getting baseline data as part of the Environmental Permit application on quality, levels, gradient etc. An inert site needs at least a year of data to form a representative baseline of the site setting. It is recommended that the applicant considers the following advice, for information relating to inert landfill permit monitoring requirements:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/landfill-operators-environmental-permits/landfills-for-inert-waste>

We note the suggestion to change the condition from *No development shall take place until.....* to *prior to the placement of any infill material at the site...*

Maybe it could say prior to any extraction, so a scheme is developed to cover the monitoring for the extraction and before any placement of infill material. This is in consideration of the potential impacts previously discussed, including protection of the surface water ponds.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours faithfully

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