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Sent: 29 January 2021 16:55
To: Aldridge, Steven
Subject: RE: Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire - Ref: 19/000053/CM
Attachments: WCC 19-000053-CM Lea Castle Farm v21.docx; Wolverley Townships map.pdf

I missed one of the attachments when I sent this earlier. Both attachments now attached.

Peter King

On 29 January 2021 at 15:23 king peter [REDACTED] wrote:

I am sorry not to have been able to devote the time to this subject that it deserved.

The attached is an expanded version of the objection sent approximately a year ago. I do not see anything, in such of the further documents submitted as I have read, to require me to alter my views, but the attached does reflect the progress of the Examination.

Peter King

On 13 January 2021 at 16:58 "Aldridge, Steven" <SAldridge@worcestershire.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sir or Madam,

Application Ref: 19/000053/CM **Grid Ref:** (E) 383959, (N) 278992

Applicant: NRS Aggregates Ltd

Proposal: Proposed sand and gravel quarry with progressive restoration using site derived and imported inert material to agricultural parkland, public access and nature enhancement

Location: Land at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Road, Broadwaters, Kidderminster, Worcestershire

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re-Consultation on a Planning Application (County Matter)
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

**Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)
Regulations 2017**

**The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure,
Listed Buildings and Environmental Impact Assessment) (England)
(Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**Submission of Further Information in respect of the Environmental
Statement relating to the following planning application**

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The applicant is seeking planning permission to extract approximately 3 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a total of 6 phases. The land would be progressively restored using site derived and imported inert material to agricultural parkland, public access and nature enhancement. The applicant estimates the development would take approximately 11 years to complete.

A copy of this further information together with the planning application, the plans, the Environmental Statement, the Non-Technical Summary and other documents submitted with the application can be inspected online at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/eplanning using the application reference 19/000053/CM until **4 January 2021**. When searching by application reference, please ensure that the full application reference number, including the suffix are entered into the search field. **Please note:** when viewing the County Council's Planning Application Website you may wish to use an internet search engine such as Google Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge for improved performance and functionality compared to Microsoft Internet Explorer.

I would be grateful to receive any comments that you may wish to make on the further information / application by **4 January 2021** by email or by post to the address below. If this is not possible then please let me know.

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the majority of Council staff are working remotely. We have made arrangements for letters sent via the postal service to be distributed to the appropriate officer. Where possible, we encourage all comments / correspondence to be submitted by email or online using the above link.

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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From the Chairman:
Dr. Peter King

Dear Sir,

19/000053/CM Lea Castle Farm

I object on behalf of CPRE to the above application.

I set out in an appendix at the end of this letter a history of the site. My sources for this and the depth of research I61..6 (i)-t. (c)TT0 0 Tfix

The Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

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There are circumstances where exceptionally land needs to be taken out of the Green Belt and released for development, but NPPF paragraph 83 indicates that Green Belt boundaries should only be amended *in exceptional circumstances*. The need for sand and gravel, when there are substantial other resources available, clearly takes this out of anything exceptional.

The presence of quarry machinery and processing plant will almost inevitably affect the openness of the area. The eastern end of site appeared to be in arable cultivation when I passed it. A449 runs in the bottom of s9 s9ern rr athethin t

The resource

I would further question the assessment of the geological resource that underlies the selection on the area. Geological maps appear to show the summit of the hill at SO843790 as sand and gravel, but much of the rest of the area as Upper Mottled Sandstone (a soft rock, not sand). Parts of the plan appear to refer to this rock as “solid sand”. The sandstone is certainly friable, but very considerable energy would be required to convert the rock into sand. At a time when we are seeking to reduce energy consumption, in the light of climate change, converting sandstone to sand should be a low priority option, to be pursued when easier ones are exhausted.

The western portion of the preferred site (nearest Brown-Westhead Park) appears to be the Fourth River Terrace. I am aware of places in the area (some beyond the county boundary) where these sands and gravels have been worked, but I cannot think of any case of the river terraces being worked in this immediate area. However, lower Terraces have been worked near Stourport and Astley. Both the sands and gravels and the River A-šann(r)-2 (av)c1.3 (

Appendix – History

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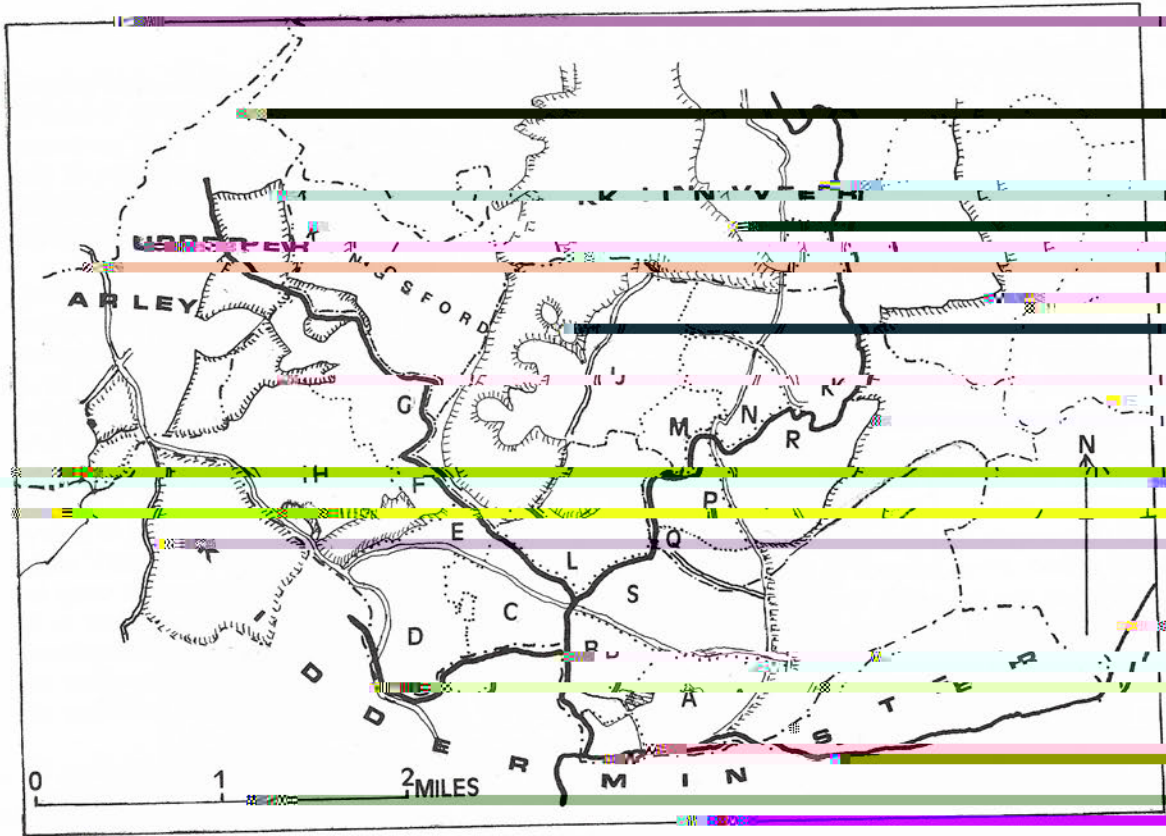


Fig. 7 Township and manorial boundaries in Wolverley parish.
 A-Upton, B-Wolverley, C-Blakeshall, D-Caunsall, E-Austcliffe, F-The Lea, G-Horsley, I-Hobrook, J-Musford, K-Horsley, L-Horsley, M-Norwood, O-Horsley, P-Cookley, Q-The Lea, R-Horsley, S-Wolverley.
 Those marked * are discrete farms, rather than townships; those marked * are larger discrete properties. The areas with hatched edges are former heath and wood.

TABLE 2
 The extents of Wolverley and Cookley

Township	carucates	free vardlands	total carucates
Wolverley:			0.5
Wolverley	4		1
Upton	8		0.75
The Leaswe	4	1	0.5
Horsley	2	1	0.75
Woodhamcote priest	6	2	0.5
			<u>4.0</u>
Cookley:			1
Blakeshall	8		0.25
Debdale	2		0.5
Cookley	4		1
Caunsall	8		1.25
Austcliffe	8	1	0.5
The Lea		2	0.5
			<u>4.5</u>