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Steve

Please see comments from Paul Allen below. I intend to send individual comments to you direct, and then provide a response, which will say something like – ‘technical comments have been added to the email so he is aware of Paul’s comments.

Many thanks

Paul;

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llen <Paul.Allen@wyreforestdc.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 August 2021 15:56  
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Hello,

Thanks for sending this through.

I can not see one of the documents relating to the dormice that the report refers to, a map showing the area surveyed for dormice.

As the report identifies the need for a more detailed dormice survey is, amongst others factors, triggered by habitat fragmentation and habitat loss.

It appears that in some locations that the planned quarrying works and associated perimeter activities is likely to be close to habitat that may be used by dormice for feeding and or commuting and my worry is that whilst woodland and hedgerow may be physically retained, the frequent passage of large vehicles or other activities related to the quarrying could result in a level of disturbance that would result in this retained habitat becoming unusable to dormice.

Hence, I feel we need further information about levels of offset of quarrying activities from the habitat, and what sort of activities would be permitted at the limit of this offset and whether these levels of disturbance would suffice to cause disturbance to dormice and impact on the available amount and connectivity of habitat available to them.

If the risk exists that the proposed activities could cause disturbance, then there is potential for fragmentation and or loss of dormouse habitat. In which case a more through survey as highlighted in the report will be needed to assess potential harm.

I hope this helps

Paul

**Paul Allen**

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Hopefully the attached and below will help sift through the additional information.

Any comments?

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**From:** Aldridge, Steven <[SAldridge@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:SAldridge@worcestershire.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 19 August 2021 13:37

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All the best

Steve

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arboriculture, water environment, rights of way and leisure and recreation. The County Council are now seeking comments on this additional further information.

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 additional 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](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/eplanning) using the application reference 19/000053/CM until **9 September 2021**. When searching by application reference, please ensure that the full application reference number, including the suffix are entered into the search field.

I would be grateful to receive any comments that you may wish to make on the additional further information / application by **9 September 2021** by email or by post to the address below. If this is not possible then please let me know. If I do not hear from you by this date I will assume your comments remain unchanged.

**I would also be most grateful for comments from your Arboricultural Officer and Countryside Manager.**

***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 can you ensure a copy of the further information is placed on your Planning Register, and please would you send me a written acknowledgement once this has been done.

I shall carry out the necessary consultations with the appropriate bodies and will arrange for the appropriate publicity in accordance with Article 15, and in due course I will notify you of any decision taken by Worcestershire County Council.

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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