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Subject: RE: Additional Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire - Ref: 19/000053/CM

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Hello Steve,

I have spent sometime talking to Cody and I feel we are both finding it hard to progress the ecological argument.

I feel Cody has invested the lion share of time in this and will be best placed to progress if we or he can.

Thanks
Paul

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Dear Paul,

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

Further to your comments below on the above proposal. The applicant has provided the attached response to the County Ecologist. As per the comments from the Woodland Trust, I am seeking a view from Natural England and also the County Ecologist and Woodland Trust on the clarification provided by the applicant, but should you wish to provide comments in response to the clarification from the applicant, I would be most grateful for your comments by 15 October 2021. If this is not possible, please let me know.

Kind regards

Steve

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As the report identifies the need for a more detailed dormice survey is, among other 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 thorough survey as highlighted in the report will be needed to assess potential harm.

I hope this helps

Paul

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survey, clarification regarding the long-term aftercare period, clarification regarding the drainage arrangements. See attached responses.

As a result of the amendments to Public Rights of Way, the phase drawings and restoration scheme has been updated. Drawings have also be provided regarding the root protection of trees (protection measures) and typical cross section in relation to Tree T22 (regarding its protection), together with a drawing showing details of the dormice survey extent. As the proposed Public Rights of Way created have changed the applicant also updated the Rights of Way Chapter of the ES (Chapter 16) and amended the NTS. I haven't attached these due to the size of the files, and now you know what number documents you are searching for on our website they can be downloaded, but if you still have trouble or if you prefer then i can send you the new submission in batches. Please let me know your preference.

All the best

Steve

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

On 10 January 2020 NRS Aggregates Ltd applied to Worcestershire County Council for planning permission for the above proposal. You will recall I consulted you on the above application for planning permission in February 2020 and subsequently in November 2020.

On 30 April 2021, 16 July and 19 July 2021 NRS Aggregates Ltd wrote to Worcestershire County Council submitting additional further information in relation to the Environmental Statement regarding a number of matters including: landscape and visual impact (restoration, phasing and aftercare), ecology and biodiversity, 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 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

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