

**WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

**SECTION 78 APPEAL**

**Appeal by NRS Aggregates Ltd against the refusal of planning permission by Worcestershire County  
Council of**

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

on



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Introduction T2 1 Tw 1.272 OMC VBody RD 2 BDC67T0 1 Tf11.04 -006 2w

### 3.0 Green Belt Issues

3.1 To be appropriate development in the Green Belt, it is not a prerequisite that openness is maintained. Mineral extraction may not be inappropriate as long as it preserves openness in accordance with paragraph 150 of the NPPF. It therefore comes down to the specific details of the proposals;

6-3396-072(g)-3 (a) 15.31(2) 2.3(1-2). (h) 2.3 (e) 5 ap(C) 2.27m (e) 2.5 gml (P) 8.1y (a) (s) 10.7.26 ensted5-3

3.8 In this instance, it is considered that the substantial use of large bunds across the site for a period of 10 years would, in combination with development adjacent to the site, offer an intensive impact on the Green Belt at a period in time when the site is considered to have a heightened responsibility in effectively performing its purposes as Green Belt land.

- The need for the release of new mineral reserves to ensure a “steady and adequate supply of aggregates” and that great weight that is attached to mineral extraction;
- The contribution of the scheme to the WCC landbank, which is currently not in compliance with NPPF paragraph 213;
- The sustainability of the location with regard to the logistical marketplace, the spread of supply throughout the County and the potential inert waste that could be transported to site from surrounding residential development sites;

