

Lea Castle Quarry Inquiry

Appellant response to Rule 6 Part 10 comments on Viewpoint 8 Photomontage Year 25 from public bridleway 625(B)

The photomontage indicates a view that is not dissimilar to the current situation, in terms of landscape elements visible. The most noticeable change is the new woodland. In terms of landform the levels beyond the extraction limit are retained and the slopes are gentle, as also indicated on the restoration sections (CD 3.18) and Concept Restoration Plan (CD 15.23).

This particular viewpoint (maybe more so than any other viewpoint) demonstrates that the existing and proposed is plainly evident: the pasture, woodland, tree clumps are all demonstrably parkland features. The existing situation (as can be seen in this photomontage) does not prevent him from commenting on landscape matters, however his response contains a wholly inaccurate analysis, that is contrary to the evidence presented in the Viewpoint 8 photomontage and other evidence (cross sections and restoration plan) that was submitted to the Inquiry. These inaccuracies are set out below.

1. Mr Partridge claims that the landform demonstrates a 'jarring contrast' to the existing landform. Appellant response: This is incorrect and appears to simply

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borrow Inspector Woolcock's language used in the Ware Park decision.

2. Mr Partridge claims the photomontage shows a 'steep lip or slope on the edge of a b 0 Td ( 29 (p ( o)1 ( )JTJ Tt)2 )JTJ 7.89 02 (ppe)-4 (l)9 (l)-1 (ant)2.1 ( r3 (e)6 (s)-5 (po)1)-5

the introduction of pocket parks, parkland planting and an extended rights of way network. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no proposal on the Appeal Site for

4. Mr Patridge claims the new planting blocks long distance views. Appellant response: this is inaccurate as the proposed woodland at Broom Covert sits below the horizon. The existing new woodland on the site to the left of the Broom Covert planting extends slightly on the horizon, close to where other tree planti