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Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
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Your Ref 19/000053/CM
Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2020-29188
Monday 24 February 2020

Dear Mr Aldridge

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

Waterway: Staffordshire & Worcestershire Cnl

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following general advice:

The Transport assessment fails to mention that the B4189 passes directly over the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal on a bridge adjacent to the Public House, between Wolverley Village and the site entrance. Any failure of this bridge (bridge 20) would prevent navigation of the canal. The bridge has been assessed recently and the Trust will be advising the council of a suggested weight restriction in the future.

It is noted that the proposed access will be laid out to prevent HGV vehicles turning right out of the site and this should prevent Laden HGVs' passing over the bridge.

The Trust therefore has no objection to the proposal provided that the site entrance is laid out in such a way as to physically prevent turning movements into or out of the site which would result in an increase in the HGVs serving the site passing over the canal bridge. If the access is altered to allow such movements then the Trust may wish to object to the proposal to protect both our asset and safe navigation of the canal beneath.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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