
Subject: FW: Comments from British Horse Society - Proposed Quarry at Land at Lea Castle Farm - Ref: 19/000053/CM

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To: Development Control team <DevControlTeam@worcestershires.gov.uk>

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Hi Steve

I have drafted a response to the Lea Castle quarry proposals below and will follow this up with a letter on BHS headed paper but just wanted to get something to you before close of play today. This is a rough draft and the letter may contain minor alterations. I will send the letter tomorrow.

Wendy Harper (on behalf of the BHS)

I am writing on behalf of the BHS to provide our comments on the proposed sand and gravel quarry and associated land restoration at the above location.

As this is a long term proposal estimated to take about 11 years to complete we are concerned about the immediate and long term impact on local horse riders given the proximity to a couple of well used bridle paths and a local equestrian centre (Lea castle Equestrian).

As a BHS County Access and Bridleways Officer I must confine my comments to local access issues. However I am well aware that the proprietor of Lea Castle EC is very concerned about the potential hardship the quarry will cause to their business and customers, particularly in the early phases. I believe that, if Planning Permission is granted, regular monitoring and reviews of progress throughout the lifetime of the quarry should be built into the plans to ensure commitments made by the developer to protect and enhance rights of way for equestrians and other users are delivered to agreed standards and in line with agreed timeframes. There should also be a channel of communication to enable local riders to provide feedback if steps taken to minimise disruption are not working on the ground.

I would also like to reiterate the comments made by Bobbie Matulja on behalf of the BHS in her response dated 17 July 19 (I will send this with the letter). In particular the request for an additional multi-user route to the west of the proposed quarry achieved by upgrading FPs WC-623 and WC-624. I note that this proposal is now contained within the Leisure and Recreation Report but is not shown on the Phase 3 Map and Plan. I would like this to be added for the sake of clarity. The footpath upgrades should be done formally via a Highways Act Section 25 Creation Agreement to ensure the upgraded routes are recorded on the Definitive Map.

The L and R report shows the additional route being achieved at the end of Phase 3 (about 4.5 years into the development). We request that this be brought forward to be achieved within the first 2 years.

The BHS welcomes the additional multi-user routes proposed by the developer to the eastern half of the site but believe it is imperative that they be brought into being via a Highways Act Section 26 Creation Order or a Section 25 Creation Agreement to ensure they are recorded on the Definitive Map.

I have one further comment relating to P16, para 6.5 which states "*The proposals are supported by the National and Worcestershire Equestrian Society for the local and wider horse-riding community.*" This statement is somewhat misleading being open to interpretation! The BHS is concerned to ensure riders access to existing routes is safeguarded and any opportunities to improve existing routes and/or create new multi-user routes are identified and implemented.

Finally, if Planning Permission is granted, I would like the changes to plans and concessions and other points raised on behalf of the BHS to be formally accepted by the developer and made the subject of Individual Planning Conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

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From: Development Control team <DevControlTeam@worcestershires.gov.uk>
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Subject: Seeking Comments - Proposed Quarry at Land at Lea Castle Farm - Ref: 19/000053/CM

Dear Ms Harper,

**Consultation on a Planning Application (County Matter)
Town & Country Planning Act 1990**

The Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

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

NRS Aggregates Ltd is applying to Worcestershire County Council for planning permission for the above proposal. The planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

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.

The planning application, the plans, the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary and relevant documents are available to view on <http://e-planning.worcestershires.gov.uk> using application reference: 19/000053/CM. 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 for any comments you may have on the above application by **19 March 2020**. If this is not possible please let me know.

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

Kind regards

Steve

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