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Subject: Re: [SPAM?] [External] - RE: Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire - Ref: 19/000053/CM

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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your reminder to submit comments on this proposal, it is very much appreciated.

Acting on behalf of the Earth Heritage Trust, I can confirm that our comments on the original proposal (dated 12/03/2020) still apply. We are disappointed that the the points raised in our comments have apparently not been addressed in the updated proposal.

I note that the proposal has acknowledged the requirement of the Minerals Local Plan that "**New development must strive to enhance and not have a detrimental impact on the geodiversity of the District**" but seems to have done nothing to address this. The Environmental Statement includes a report on the geological survey, but is concerned only with the utility of the extracted material. It does not name the geological deposits and landforms that will be destroyed, and fails to recognise the scientific and educational opportunities that will be lost in this process.

BGS maps show the presence of quaternary fluvio-glacial deposits at the highest elevation on this site, with river terrace deposits (Kidderminster Sand and Gravel) at the lower levels to the west of the area. Both of these lie on bedrock of Triassic Wildmoor Sandstone. The quaternary deposits are of particular interest and will be lost completely as a result of this operation. The geomorphology of the area will also be destroyed: the elevated plain of the river terrace will no longer be apparent and the hill on which a fragment of the original glaciofluvial deposits still remains will be flattened.

We do not oppose the extraction of these minerals, nor would we insist on restoration of the land to its previous form, as we appreciate that there are other factors driving the landscape design. We do request some compensation for the damage caused, as stated in our previous submission.

In summary, we request that approval of the application should be conditional on the following:

- Support for visits by geologists for monitoring and research purposes when deposits are exposed (especially quaternary deposits);
- Vigilance on the part of the extraction teams to identify fossils and fossiliferous material;
- Provision of educational material in the form of information boards describing the nature and origin of the rocks and landforms that have been exploited.

The detailed findings of the geological survey could also be of interest to geological research and we request that these be provided.

These comments complement and do not replace our previous submission, which still applies.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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 my consultation emails below regarding the above proposal, the deadline for comments has now passed and do not appear to have received any comments from you on the second consultation on the submitted further environmental information (known as Regulation 25). I would be most grateful for any comments you may wish to make on the proposal by **27 January 2021**. If this is not possible, please let me know. If I do not receive any comments from you by this date, I will assume your original comments on the application remain unchanged.

Kind regards

Steve

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From: Development Control team

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Subject: Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire -

Ref: 19/000053/CM

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re-Consultation on a Planning Application (County Matter)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure, Listed

Buildings and Environmental Impact Assessment) (England) (Coronavirus)

(Amendment) Regulations 2020

Submission of Further Information in respect of the Environmental Statement relating to the following planning application

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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.

Following the consideration of the comments that were received on the application and Environmental Statement, the County Council wrote to the applicant in June 2020 requesting further information in respect of the Environmental Statement. On 27 October 2020 the applicant submitted the requested further information, and the County Council are now seeking comments on this further information in relation to a number of matters including: water environment, ecology and biodiversity, landscape, agricultural land classification and soils, cultural heritage, transport movement and access, rights of way, and restoration and aftercare.

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 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 **4 January 2021**. When searching by application reference, please ensure that the full application reference number, including the suffix are entered into the search field. **Please note:** when viewing the County Council's Planning Application Website you may wish to use an internet search engine such as

Google Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge for improved performance and functionality compared to Microsoft Internet Explorer.

I would be grateful to receive any comments that you may wish to make on the further information / application by **4 January 2021** by email or by post to the address below. If this is not possible then please let me know.

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 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

Steve

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