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**Subject:** 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 sending this across. Having read and considered the submitted commentary we do not wish to add to or amend our previous comments (copied below for information) and we remain content to defer to the opinions of the county ecologists for all on-site biodiversity considerations.

I hope that these comments are of use to you but please do not hesitate to contact us again if we can be of further assistance.

Best Wishes,

Steve

*Dear Steve,*

*Thank you for sending us the additional details for the above-mentioned planning application. We note the contents of the various associated documents and in particular the commentary set out in the Regulation 25 Request Submission (especially Appendix B and Appendix F). We welcome the additional survey effort and the improvements made to the restoration proposals.*

*We are especially pleased to note that Tree 22, the veteran previously scheduled for removal, is to be retained with an appropriate buffer. In principle this resolves a key concern with the application but we would recommend that you seek clarification on how this tree will be protected during the works and how it will relate to the proposed landform after restoration. This is important because the sections shown in the restoration plans demonstrate that there will be significant changes in land levels as a result of the proposal and these may affect the retained tree. Assuming that these issues can be resolved, and noting the commentary provided regarding other veteran trees, our concerns about this aspect of the application will be dealt with. As before, we are content to defer to the opinion of the council's ecologists for all other on-site ecological considerations, especially those relating to protected species and restoration layout. We continue to believe that the conditions we recommended in our previous submission should be appended to any permission you may be otherwise minded to grant.*

*I hope that these comments are of use to you but please do not hesitate to contact us again if we can be of further assistance.*

*Best Wishes,*

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Senior Conservation Officer – Planning

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Hi Steve,

**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 your comments on the above proposal, the Action Group have now submitted their comments (see attached), which includes a section on “Biodiversity (Ecological, Agricultural and Trees)”. I would be grateful if you can confirm in light of these comments whether your comments are still valid, or whether you may wish to add or amend your comments in any way? I would be grateful for a response by **3 February 2021**, if this is not possible, please let me know.

All the best

Steve

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