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Subject: FW: Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire - Ref: 19/000053/CM

Hi Paul,

I've had a good look through the proposals and they are not as bad as I first thought. However I have the following additional comments.

1. I share the concern of the Woodland Trust with regards to T22. A veteran Sweet Chestnut, which should be retained in line with NPPF Para. 175. This tree is earmarked for removal as it is in the centre of phase 1 extraction.
2. TPOed trees T9 & 10 (in the survey) are also down for removal.
3. The extraction phase 2 boundary is within the RPA of T19. There is a note that this will be changed to be outside the RPA, but I need to highlight this to ensure it is changed if permission is granted.

4. The boundary of phase 2 is around 50% of T23. Granted it is outside the RPA, but it's right on the edge and I have serious concerns about the protection of the tree during the extraction process.
5. I also have concerns about the protection of the trees T12 to 21 (most of which have a TPO) during the works. If permission is granted there will need to be a watertight AMS and a Arb Consultant retained for the phases 1 to 3 to prevent unnecessary damage to the trees.

The RPA calculation is only the minimum distance to protect the roots of the retained trees. Given the nature of the proposals I feel the RPA should be calculated at 15 x the DBH and not 12 x for trees on the edge of the extraction areas.

I'm still looking at recommending refusal for all the reasons given above.

Best wishes
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Dear Paul,

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

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

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.

I would also be most grateful for comments from your Conservation Officer, Arboricultural Officer and Countryside Manager.

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 can you ensure a copy of the further information is placed on your Planning Register, and please would you send me a written acknowledgement once this has been done.

I shall carry out the necessary consultations with the appropriate bodies and will arrange for the appropriate publicity in accordance with Article 15, and in due course I will notify you of any decision taken by Worcestershire County Council.

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

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