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Sent: 19 July 2021 16:03
To: Robin Smithyman
Subject: Re. Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Ref:19/000053/CM- Clarification points in respect of restored surface water management as raised by Kirsten Huizer
Attachments: KD.LCF.010B Concept Restoration - July 2021 - PA DRAWING 15B.pdf

From: Robin Smithyman [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 30 April 2021 at 11:13
To: "Aldridge, Steven" <SAldridge@worcestershire.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Ref:19/000053/CM- Clarification points in respect of restored surface water management as raised by Kirsten Huizer

Dear Steve,

In respect of the comments received from Kirsten Huizer - Senior Water Management Officer - Wyre Forest District Council.

Please find below the requested points of clarification.

I have discussed the scheme and clarification items with Kirsten.

- 1 Capturing surface runoff. The scheme is proposing to restore discrete, shallow depressions to concentrate and direct surface water down towards the soakaway area.

This will be achieved as part of the landform restoration formation and final soil placement works in accordance with the specified contours on the attached Concept Restoration Drawing. As such, the shallow depressions will be part of the morphology of the overall restored landform. This approach will ensure the resilience of the shallow sloping depressions and their ability to transport surface water to the soakaways, surrounded by higher ground on three sides. This will minimise the risk of any ploughing / agricultural practices affecting the landform. If ploughing is to take place, it will be carried out along the alignment of the gradient and not across it.
- 2 In respect of guaranteeing the proposed discharge of surface water, there will be a 5 Year Aftercare Period (which will be paid for by the operator and implemented by the landowner). All land will then revert back to the landowner for management. This process is standard for all mineral extraction sites. The land will be farmed as it will be during the initial 5 Years post restoration and the landowner will manage and maintain the land within the restored landform. The landowner is content that if a further period of monitoring / management is required that this can be secured via an appropriate condition.
- 3 For clarification, it is confirmed that the surface water management / containment and soakaway scheme has been designed taking into account the possibility of the implementation of agricultural land drainage. It is confirmed that there is significant spare capacity to hold and allow water to soakaway during peak events, either with or without the implementation of agricultural land drains. As such, we confirm your request for the removal of a commitment in principal to the installation of land drains and that this can be assessed within the Aftercare Period. The MPA therefore having control of the process. If

additional agricultural drainage is required, as stated there is sufficient capacity but these works would not be carried out until North Worcestershire Water Management / the MPA have been provided with any further specific details, that maybe required. As Kirsten's email suggests, we are happy for this to be placed within an appropriate condition.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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Concept Restoration
 The aim of the Restoration Scheme is the creation of a "High Quality Agricultural Parkland".
 Re-engaging, adapting and connecting the local landscape for efficient and profitable agricultural land management and for public amenity benefits in respect of enjoyment, access, and wellbeing, along with the creation of habitats to support wildlife Biodiversity.

Summary of Restoration Outcomes:

- Recreation of quality landscape/parkland and agricultural setting
- Additional connections both east - west and north - south to allow access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, off and away from roads (over 2.6km)
- Establishment of benches along avenue and heritage / educational signage / pocket parks
- Planting of ~ 170 avenue and parkland trees
- Planting of ~ 9,750 native trees and shrubs
- Creation of ~ 7.5 hectares of Acidic Species Rich Meadow (a target Biodiversity Action Plan species)
- Approximately 1km of managed Native Hedgerows
- Reinstatement of all Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land
- Permanent Aftercare and Management of All Land within the Site

- LEGEND**
- Application Boundary
 - Existing Woodland, Trees & Scrub
 - Existing Hedgerows/Hedgerow Trees
 - Existing Public Rights of Way (PROW)
 - Existing Buildings/Structures/Roads and Tracks
 - Existing Contours Meters above Ordnance Datum
 - Proposed Contours Meters above Ordnance Datum
 - Undisturbed Agricultural Land within the Planning Application Boundary
- Restoration Proposals**
- Restored Agricultural Grassland
 - Proposed Woodland / Tree Planting
 - Proposed Acid Grassland
 - Proposed Ephemeral Pools
 - Proposed Pocket Parks
 - Proposed PROW (Bridlway)
 - Proposed Upgraded PROW from Footpath to Bridlway
 - Proposed Permissive Bridlway
 - Section Locations (See Planning Application Drawing No. 16)

Planning Application Drawing No. 15B

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PROJECT:
Lea Castle Farm

TITLE:
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