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Sent: 11 August 2021 08:05
To: Aldridge, Steven
Subject: FW: Additional Further Information (Regulation 25) - Land at Lea Castle Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire - Ref: 19/000053/CM

Hi Steve,

Thank you for the addition further information for application 19/000053/CM, which includes an email of Robin Smithyman (30/4/21, resent 19/07/21) responding to my consultation response dated 9th December 2020.

In my consultation response I asked for clarification of the assets included to capture surface water runoff (open water ditches or shallow depressions). Robin has detailed in his email under point 1. that shallow depressions are being proposed.

I also asked how the continued existence and maintenance of these surface water drainage features can be secured. Robin sets out in his email that the shallow depressions will be part of the morphology of the overall restored landform, so that ensures that these depressions will get constructed. I understand from point 2. that there will be the standard 5 year aftercare period and that extending this period could be secured via condition. Robin details that it is unlikely that any ploughing / agricultural practices would affect the landform and adds that any ploughing would be "carried out along the alignment of the gradient and not across it". It is my understanding that the type of crop dictates the ploughing direction with certain crops such as potatoes always being planted across the contour lines. I gather conditioning plough directions (which I understand might impact upon crop choice) is not normal practice?

In my consultation response I asked whether the in principle commitment to install land drains can be removed. I understand from point 3. of Robin's email that they are happy to conform with this request. I understand that the surface water management / containment and soakaway scheme has been designed taking into account the possibility of the implementation of agricultural land drainage, so that there should be sufficient capacity should additional agricultural drainage gets added in the future. I understand that the applicant would accept a condition detailing that prior approval is required for any additional agricultural drainage. This condition would ensure that sufficient capacity is indeed available, which means that even when agricultural drainage gets installed rainfall would continue to be managed within the site boundary, including in extreme events.

I conclude that my comments have been addressed sufficiently and that there is in my view no reason to withhold approval of this application on flood risk or water management grounds, providing that a condition gets attached requiring prior approval for any additional agricultural drainage.

Best wishes,

Kirsten



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Our vision is to reduce flood risk while protecting and enhancing the water environment and encouraging sustainable water management

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Re-Consultation on a Planning Application (County Matter)

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning, Development Management Procedure, Listed Buildings etc.) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Submission of Additional 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 and subsequently in November 2020.

On 30 April 2021, 16 July and 19 July 2021 NRS Aggregates Ltd wrote to Worcestershire County Council submitting additional further information in relation to the Environmental Statement regarding a number of matters including: landscape and visual impact (restoration, phasing and aftercare), ecology and biodiversity, arboriculture, water environment, rights of way and leisure and recreation. The County Council are now seeking comments on this additional further information.

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 additional 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 **9 September 2021**. 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 to receive any comments that you may wish to make on the additional further information / application by **9 September 2021** by email or by post to the address below. If this is not possible then please let me know. If you have already commented on this application, and if I do not hear from you by this date I will assume your comments remain unchanged.

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

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