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

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Dear Steve,

Thank you for inviting H&WEHT to comment on the further information regarding Land at Lea Castle Farm, and for your timely reminder.

It is disappointing that our comments submitted on 12th March 2020 and 18th Jan 2021 appear not to have been addressed in the revised documentation and we stand by these earlier comments.

Further, I note that comments by the Worcestershire Archive and Archeology Service on 16th March 2020 concur entirely with those of H&WEHT. For example, they state: "The strategy for the site should include specialist geoarchaeological monitoring and, if necessary, recording on any exposed gravel faces and OSL dating of any decent exposures". They also provide detailed justification for this and other measures, but we can find no acknowledgement of these requirements in the revised documentation.

Finally, I note that in document 151\_Amended\_KD.LCF.010B\_Concept\_Restoration\_-\_July\_2021\_-\_PA\_DRAWING\_15B.pdf. the stated restoration outcomes include "establishment of educational signage". No details of this have been found, but as stated in our original submission, a focus on what has been removed from the site and what it tells us about our past would provide some compensation for the loss.

The removal of sand of gravel from the site represents permanent destruction of geological structures, removal of lithological content that provides clues to the paleolithic river systems of the English Midlands and potentially also the removal of human remains and fossils. There is a very good case for making these topics the subject of the educational signage at this site, making use of the knowledge gained from site monitoring by subject specialists by sharing it with the public.

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

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On 5 Aug 2021, at 09:34, Development Control team <[DevControlTeam@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:DevControlTeam@worcestershire.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

**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](http://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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