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Sent: 09 September 2021 14:48
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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 re-consulting the Woodland Trust on the following application. We have reviewed the additional documentation, and our response is as follows:

Veteran trees

We welcome the retention of T22, and note the root protection area and protection measures proposed in line with Natural England's Standing Advice and the BS:5837:2012. As such, the Woodland Trust considers our concerns for T22 addressed.

Ancient woodland

We note the Ecology Team's consultation response (27th August 2021) with respect to the potential presence of ancient woodland adjacent to the site. The area of woodland at grid reference: SO8369279511 is visible on maps dated in the 1880s and is therefore of likely historical and ecological importance. On this basis, the woodland is potentially unmapped ancient woodland and therefore Natural England should be consulted for their opinion on the antiquity of the wood.

If the adjacent woodland is determined to be ancient, then the woodland should be afforded protection under paragraph 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework. Given the likely significant impacts posed by quarrying activity (i.e. dust and noise pollution, likely hydrological impacts etc.), the Trust adopts a precautionary principle and would advise a buffer zone of **100 metres** to the extraction site.

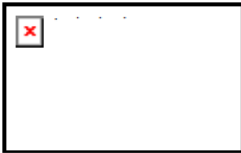
We hope our comments are of use to you; if you'd like to discuss our response further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
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Stand up for trees

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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 my email below seeking your comments on the above proposal (further information regarding landscape and visual impact (restoration, phasing and aftercare), ecology and biodiversity, arboriculture, water environment, rights of way and leisure and recreation). The deadline for comments is **Thursday 9 September 2021**, and I do not appear to have yet received any further comments from you. I would be most grateful for your comments by this date, if I do not hear from you, I will assume your comments remain unchanged.

Kind regards

Steve

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From: Development Control team

Sent: 05 August 2021 09:32

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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

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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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