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Dear Steve,

Please accept my apologies for this. I had indeed overlooked that previous response. I am clearly not as adept as you are at navigating the hundreds of documents that are generated in these processes.

This response is of course entirely acceptable and I retract the comments of 7th April 2022.

Thanks for your support in this, it is much appreciated.

Kay.

On 8 Apr 2022, at 08:52, Aldridge, Steven <SAldridge@worcestershire.gov.uk> wrote:

Thanks Kay for Earth Heritage Trust's further comments on the Leas Castle Farm Quarry proposal. I note your request below, but does the following address your concerns?

In response to your original request that access is provided for geologists to support investigation and recording of the geological features. The applicant confirmed in writing as part of the Regulation 25 (further information) Submission that they are pleased to confirm that a request for arrangements to allow geologists on site from Worcester Earth Heritage Trust is acceptable.

The County Archaeologist has recommended an archaeological condition including a Written Scheme of Investigation, recommending that the strategy for the site should include specialist geoarchaeological monitoring and, if necessary, recording on any exposed gravel faces and optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) dating of any decent exposures. This is because the relationship between the Kidderminster Station Member and the Holt Heath Member may help in understanding the formation of, and subsequent changes to, the Holt Heath Member. Better understanding of the Kidderminster Station Member would feed into local and regional deposit models and potentially national research agendas. The interface between these two members is likely to occur in the western part of the application site.

Should planning permission be granted a condition would be imposed requiring the above information. As part of the discharge of condition process (should planning permission be granted) both the Earth Heritage Trust and the County Archaeologist would be consulted on the scheme to ensure it is acceptable.

In addition, a condition would also be imposed (should planning permission be granted) requiring an interpretation scheme for cultural heritage, landscape, biodiversity and geodiversity

I would be most grateful for your comments in view of the above.

Many thanks

Steve

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Dear Steve,

Thank you for inviting the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust (H&WEHT) to comment on this further information.

It is very disappointing to see that our previous comments appear not to have been addressed in this further information.

Policy requires developers to "protect, conserve and enhance geodiversity" and "where loss is unavoidable, record and advance understanding of the significance of any geodiversity feature(s) to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact of the loss, and make evidence and any archive generated publicly accessible."

I note that the new "Habitat Regulations Assessment" refers to the important geology of the Severn Estuary, although it is very remote from this site, but it ignores completely the destruction of parts of the internationally important Severn Valley River Terrace formation that is inherent in this proposal.

We therefore request that the applicant states how they propose to "record and advance understanding of the significance" of the geodiversity that will be lost as a direct result of the proposed development, and "make evidence and any archive generated publicly accessible."

H&WEHT have made constructive and proportionate proposals in previous comments, but these appear to have been ignored by the applicant.

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