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Dear Steve,

Lea Castle Farm Quarry Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above.

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has screened the proposal to check for the likelihood of significant effects.

Your assessment concludes that the proposal can be screened out from further stages of assessment because significant effects are unlikely to occur, either alone or in combination. On the basis of the information provided within the Lea Castle HRA Screening opinion report (April 2022) and the Appendix to the HRA (April 2022), Natural England concurs with this view.

With regards to other additional information submitted, we have no further comments and refer you to our letter dated 09 March 2021 our ref 334675.

Kind regards,
Yana

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Hi Antony and Yana,

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

Following our meeting on Tuesday to discuss the above proposal and the HRA screening, please find attached Geckoella's HRA screening (on behalf of the County Council as competent authority) with new appendix (and the appendix as standalone document) responding to the points raised by Natural England and the clarification as supplied by applicant.

I would be most grateful for your comments as soon as possible, and no later than 12 May as this is the deadline date for final Committee Reports, **but if you are able to comment by 6 May**, that would be very much appreciated as that would assist us with our arrangements for the Committee (as we have to inform the public if the application will be going to the Committee in advance). If this is not going to be possible please let me know, so I can make the appropriate arrangements and manage the applicant's expectations.

Many thanks in advance

Steve

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