**PUBLIC INQUIRY PROGRAMME – FINAL VERSION PUBLISHED .02.2023**

**Appeal Ref: APP/E1885/W/22/3310099**

**Appeal by: 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.**

**Appeal Site: Land at Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Road, Broadwaters, Kidderminster, Worcestershire.**

**Venue: Hogarths Stone Manor, Stone, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 4PJ**

**Abbreviations used in this programme**

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

Rule 6 - Stop The Quarry Campaign

EiC – Examination in Chief

XE – Cross Examination

RE – Re-examination

RTS - Round Table Session

**Day 1 – Tuesday 28 February 2023 10.00 hours**

**(Note - other than first day the opening times for each day are 09.30, all other timings are approximate)**

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| **Morning Session - Openings** | **Afternoon Session – Interested Parties** |
| 10.00 - 10.45 Inspector Opening Announcements, Procedural Issues and Housekeeping Matters  10.45 - 12.30 Opening Statements\*  (30 minutes maximum per party - Appellant followed by WCC then Rule 6)  **\*Please provide copies in writing and an electronic copy to the case officer before 10.00.**  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 13.30 – 17.00 Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Inquiry**\***  Separate List of names circulated during the Inquiry |

**\*Note**: Owing to the number of interested parties who wish to speak at the Inquiry, and the likelihood for the need for cross examination of some of the technical representations, it unlikely be possible to accommodate all of the above persons on the afternoon of 28 February 2023. The Inspector will invite representations sequentially in the order shown. However, around 17.00 hours on the opening day, an assessment will be made of any persons who may need to speak at the additional allocated slot in the afternoon of Tuesday 7 March 2023.

**Day 2 – Wednesday 1 March 2023 09.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session – Noise** | **Afternoon Session – Dust and Air Quality** |
| 09.30 – 10.00 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (EiC)  10.00 – 10.15 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  10.15 – 10.30 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  10.30 – 11.15 Rachel Canham (Appellant) (EiC)  11.15 – 12.00 Rachel Canham (Appellant) (XE Rule 6 Advocate)  12.00 – 12.30 Rachel Canham (Appellant) (RE Appellant Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 13.15 – 13.45 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (EiC)  13.45 – 14.00 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  14.00 – 14.15 Adrian Carlos (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  14.15 – 14.45 David Langton (Rule 6) (EiC)  14.45 – 15.00 David Langton (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  15.00 – 15.15 David Langton (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  15.15 – 16.00 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) (EiC)  16.00 – 16.45 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) (XE Rule 6  Advocate)  16.45 – 17.15 Katrina Hawkins (Appellant) (RE Appellant Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings |

**Day 3 – Thursday 2 March 2023 09.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session – Restoration/Landscape/Green Belt** | **Afternoon Session – Highways followed by EiC on Economic/PROW/Equestrian/Amenity impacts** |
| 09.30 – 10.00 Matt Harthill (Rule 6 - Restoration) (EiC)  10.00 – 10.30 Matt Harthill (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  10.30 – 10.45 Matt Harthill (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  10.45 – 11.15 Neil Furber (Appellant) (EiC)  11.15 – 11.45 Neil Furber (Appellant) (XE Council Advocate)  11.45 – 12.15 Neil Furber (Appellant) (XE Rule 6  Advocate)  12.15 – 12.45 Neil Furber (Appellant) (RE Appellant Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 13.30 – 14.00 Bill Houle (Rule 6 – Highways & Transport) (EiC)  14.00 – 14.15 Bill Houle (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  14.15 - 14.30 Bill Houle (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  14.30 – 15.00 Jeremy Hurlstone (Appellant) (EiC)  15.00 – 16.00 Jeremy Hurlstone (Appellant) (XE Rule 6  Advocate)  16.00 – 16.15 Jeremy Hurlstone (Appellant) (RE Appellant Advocate)  16.15 -16.45 Mike Lord (Rule 6 – Economics) (EiC)  16.45 – 17.15 Rebecca Hatch (Rule 6 - PROW/Equestrian) (EiC)  17.15 – 17.45 (Provisional) Laurence McCue (Rule 6 – Amenity) (EiC)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings |

**Day 4 – Friday 3 March 2023 09.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session – Need/Green Belt/Planning** | **Afternoon Session - Need/Green Belt/Amenity/**  **Planning** |
| 09.30 – 10.45 Chris Whitehouse (WCC) (EiC)  10.45 – 12.15 Chris Whitehouse (WCC) (XE Appellant Advocate)  12.15 – 13.15 Chris Whitehouse (WCC) (RE Council Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 14.00 – 14.45 Tim Partridge (Rule 6 – Planning) (EiC)  14.45 – 15.45 Tim Partridge (Rule 6) (XE Appellant Advocate)  15.45 – 16.00 Tim Partridge (Rule 6) (RE Rule 6 Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings |

**Day 5 – Monday 6 March 2023 13.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session** | **Afternoon Session – Site Visit** |
| No Sitting | 13.30 – 16.30 Site Visit |

**Day 6 – Tuesday 7 March 2023 09.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session – Need/Green Belt/Amenity/**  **Planning** | **Afternoon Session – Need/Green Belt/Amenity/**  **Planning** |
| 09.30 – 11.15 Liam Toland (Appellant) (EiC)  11.15 – 13.45 Liam Toland (Appellant) (XE Council Advocate)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 14.30 -15.00 Liam Toland (Appellant ) (XE Rule 6 Party Advocate)  15.00 – 16.00 Liam Toland (Appellant) (RE Appellant Advocate)  16.00 Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Inquiry and were unable to do so on the opening day. **Note that** **this session is for those who wish to speak in person only at the Inquiry venue as virtual participation on this day will not be facilitated.**  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings |

**Day 7 – Wednesday 8 March 2023 09.30 hours**

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| **Morning Session- Conditions** | **Afternoon Session\*- Closings** |
| 09.30 – 12.00 RTS Conditions  (Appellant, WCC, Rule 6, Interested Parties)  Break at an appropriate time in proceedings | 13.00 – 14.00 Closing by WCC  14.00 – 15.00 Closing by Rule 6  15.00 – 16.00 Closing by Appellant  1 hour approx. maximum per party  16.00 – 16.30 Cost applications and close? |

**\* Note – Closing Statements to be emailed to the case officer before 12.00 hours on Wednesday 8 March 2023**