

Worcestershire County Council's clarification regarding pending mineral applications

Site Address: Lea Castle Farm, Wolverley Road, Broadwaters, Kidderminster

Description of the development: Proposed sand and gravel quarry with progressive restoration using site derived and imported inert material to agricultural parkland, public access and nature enhancement

Application reference: 19/000053/CM

Appellant's name: NRS Aggregates Ltd

Appeal reference: APP/E1855/W/22/3310099

With regard to the above appeal, following clarification sought from the Inspector at the Public Inquiry on 3 March 2023, Worcestershire County Council can confirm that the following mineral applications are pending consideration by the Council:

- **Pinches Quarry Phase 4, Wildmoor Lane, Wildmoor, Bromsgrove** – Proposed extraction of approximately 850,000 tonnes¹ of sand and gravel (Mineral Planning Authority (MPA) Ref: 19/000056/CM). Should this planning application be granted, it would increase the landbank by approximately 1.03 years.
- **Ripple East, Bow Lane, Ripple** – Proposed extraction of approximately 475,000 tonnes of sand and gravel with restoration to agriculture and nature conservation, including ponds, wetlands, hedgerows and lowland mixed deciduous woodland and meadows (Ref: 22/000015/CM). Should this planning application be granted permission, it would increase the landbank by approximately 0.57 years.
- **Former Motocross site, Wilden Lane, Wilden, Stourport-on-Severn** – Part retrospective application for the extraction of approximately 250,000 tonnes of sand (MPA Ref: 21/000036/CM). Should this planning application be granted, it would increase the landbank by approximately 0.30 years.

¹ **Note**, in April 2021 in response to a Regulation 25 Request from Worcestershire County Council, the quarry design was amended which resulted in a reduction of the amount of mineral to be extracted from approximately 1,000,000 to 850,000 tonnes.