

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: Lincolnshire County Council

Application number: PL/0081/24

Application Type: Full

Proposal: To extend the quarry into agricultural land lying immediately to the northwest of the existing quarry

Location: Land Northwest of Highfield Quarry, Bluestone Heath Road, Welton Le Marsh

Response Date: 2 October 2024

This report includes the Substantive response of the Local Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority to a planning consultation received under the Development Management Order and includes details of any planning conditions or informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement.

General Information and Advice

Please note that although the Definitive Map and Statement proves the existence of any recorded rights of way, there may be further or higher rights that are not shown on this document that the County Council is not currently aware of. This would be especially relevant where the public has had informal access to the site or where there are references to routes across this in maps or other historic documents. As the County Council has received no application to recognise further rights of way affecting the site, no more informed guidance can be offered at this stage.

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Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority Report

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

Recommendation: No Objections

Having given due regard to the appropriate local and national planning policy guidance (in particular the National Planning Policy Framework), Lincolnshire County Council (as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority) has concluded that the proposed development would not be expected to have an unacceptable impact upon highway safety or a severe residual cumulative impact upon the local highway network or increase surface water flood risk and therefore does not wish to object to this planning application.

Comments:

The proposal is to extend the quarry into agricultural land lying immediately to the northwest of the existing quarry.

Highway safety and capacity

The existing access to the quarry is well-maintained and offers clear visibility for vehicles entering or leaving the site, ensuring safe operations. There are no recorded personal injury accidents near the quarry access, and the presence of wheel-cleaning equipment prevents debris from being carried onto public roads. Given these factors, no significant road safety issues have been identified, and the dimensions of the existing access are adequate to enable 2 cars to pass in opposing directions and the proposal would therefore not result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

The quarry's operations reduce the need for long-distance HGV trips by serving local demand for materials, which decreases wear and tear on the highways. The rate of extraction will remain the same as the current levels, therefore the traffic volumes and vehicle activity are not expected to increase. It is therefore not possible to raise an objection to the proposals based on traffic impact, in accordance with the NPPF.

Flood Risk and Drainage

As Lead Local Flood Authority, Lincolnshire County Council is required to provide a statutory planning consultation response with regard to Drainage on all Major Applications.

The land is located within flood zone 1 which means it has a low probability of flooding from rivers and the sea. Due to the permeable nature of the underlying chalks, the area indicated on site for the proposed quarry extension is at low-risk surface water, with rainwater quickly infiltrating the ground. The excavation will be above groundwater levels. The nearest surface water body is a pond located 490m southwest of the site. The quarry's existing drainage

system is effective, managing all internal runoff and rainfall, with no surface water runoff affecting nearby properties.

Therefore, the Lead Local Flood Authority does not consider that this proposal would increase flood risk in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Informatives:

Highway Informative 02

In accordance with Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980, please be considerate of causing damage to the existing highway during construction and implement mitigation measures as necessary. Should extraordinary expenses be incurred by the Highway Authority in maintaining the highway by reason of damage caused by construction traffic, the Highway Authority may seek to recover these expenses from the developer.

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