



Memorandum

To DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION Ref: LCC/2019/0028
From DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Ref: JA/252198
Subject LCC/2019/0028 Former Parbold Quarry, Parbold Hill, Parbold
Date 14th August 2019

Thank you for consulting me with regard to this application.

I have studied the application and wish to make the following comments:

The proposed development is on a site that is regulated by the Environment Agency under an environmental permit. The proposed works would require a variation of the permit and then the environmental consequences of the operation would be controlled under the permit.

The environmental permit would not be varied unless and until the regulator is satisfied that the proposed operations present no unacceptable risk to human health or to the environment.

I note that the Environment Agency has objected to the application in its current form as they do not have enough information to determine if the development can meet their requirements to prevent, minimise and/or control pollution. No application to vary the permit has been received.

I support the position of the Environment Agency as we would not wish planning permission to be given to a site before they have the confidence that a site could meet permit conditions.

Further comments:

Noise

There is very little information with respect to noise within the application documents. With respect to comments concerning delivery vehicles on the highway; I would agree that the extra numbers of delivery vehicles on the highway would have a negligible effect on the road traffic noise. There could be some noticeable noise from the manoeuvring of the loading vehicles, braking and accelerating at the junction and reversing alarms at the tipping point.

There is mention of noise from the activity on site (suggesting a negligible effect on nearby residents), following a risk assessment. The tipped soil will need to be distributed across the site by site vehicles, which normally are required to have reversing alarms for health and safety purposes. Standard beeping (1kHz) reversing alarms can be heard some distance and are a source of annoyance and potential nuisance as for a site like this they would be sounding all day. Additionally the sound of the vehicles themselves in an otherwise tranquil area are a dominant feature which can cause annoyance of nuisance to nearby residents.

I think there would be one positive from the development in removing the existing layby where HGVs are known to park up at night, some of which have fridge/freezer units running which can cause disturbance to nearby residents. There must be measures to prevent such HGVs parking in the proposed car park at night.

Dust and Odour

The risk assessment undertaken by Terra Consult concludes that the creation of dust and odour from the filling operations will be low. The risk assessment suggests the potential impact is low to high depending on the receptor, but will be controlled by risk management techniques. The environmental permit, if varied for this operation should include the conditions required to control odour and dust off the site. As stated above the EA cannot determine from this application if the site can meet their requirements so are objecting to the application.

Light

Light pollution is not relevant in this instance as operations can only take place during day light hours. No site lighting will be required or erected.

I therefore object to the application.

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