Notification of Planning Application received by Hertfordshire County Council

The following information comprises a summary of a planning application received by Hertfordshire County Council. This summary is wholly based on information submitted by the applicant. In no way does it express a view of the County Council. The purpose of the summary is to provide you with some of the information that has been submitted, to help you decide whether you wish to inspect the application in full at your District Council Office or at County Hall, Hertford, in order to make representations on it.

APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 (TIME LIMIT FOR COMMENCEMENT) AND CONDITION 25 (RESTORATION) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 3/1228-13 TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION AND RESTORATION VIA LANDFILL AND TO AMEND THE RESTORATION DETAILS AT WESTMILL QUARRY / LANDFILL, WESTMILL ROAD, WARE, GRID REF: 533856, 215977

This application is for the Variation of Condition 1 (Time Limit for Commencement) and Condition 25 (Restoration) of planning permission 3/1228-13 to extend the life of sand and gravel extraction and restoration via landfill and to amend the restoration details at Westmill Quarry / Landfill, Westmill Road, Ware.

The Westmill quarry / landfill site covers an area of approximately 72ha and lies approximately 1km to the northwest of Ware town centre and approximately 3km to the northeast of the centre of Hertford. The A10 runs immediately to the south, whilst the A602 runs adjacent to the western boundary. The site is located along the boundary of the A602 and A10 roads on the north-western edge of Ware. It is also bounded by a small business park to the south and Marriott Hanbury Manor and Golf Country Club to the east. The nearest residential properties are located in Downfield Court, approximately 500 metres north-east of the application site.

The site is currently being used for extraction of sand and gravel as well as restoration via landfill operations. The current permission for extraction of minerals expires on 31st December 2015 whilst the restoration must be complete on or before 31st December 2017.

The applicant is proposing that mineral extraction would now be completed by 31/12/2016, sand and gravel processing and sales would end 31/12/2017, landfill at Cell 9 would be completed 1/1/2018, landfill at Cell 10 (including Westmill I) would be completed by 31/12/2023, final capping would occur by 31/12/2025 and the restoration of soils and landscaping would be completed by 2030.

The hours of operation would remain as they are; Aggregates extraction, soil handling, processing; 0700-1800 Monday to Friday, 0700-1300 Saturdays no working on a Sunday or Bank Holiday.
HCV for sales and delivery purposes; 0600-1800 Monday to Friday and 0600-1300 hours Saturday, no HGV on Sunday or Public Bank Holidays
Landfill Operations; 0700-1800 Monday to Friday, 0700-1300 Saturdays no working on a Sunday or Bank Holiday.

The existing daily site traffic levels amount to 100 HGV movements and 10 staff vehicle movements associated with minerals extraction plus 200 HGV movements and 4 staff vehicle movements generated by the import of waste material for landfill / restoration operations. In addition to the main site activities, approximately 60 HGV movements per day are generated by the ready mix concrete plant, totalling 374 vehicle movements related to the site each day. After 2017 HGV movements related to the mineral extraction will no longer occur. During 2020-2025 the amount of HGV related to the landfill operations may increase approximately 50%. Beyond 2025 HGV movements will reduce to approximately 22 per day associated with the restoration / landscaping.

Please note this application proposes development in the Green Belt and is an allocated site in the Waste Local Plan and Minerals Local Plan. This proposal is also accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment, which is available to purchase for £80 from the agent stated below.

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A copy of the application can be inspected during normal office hours (9 am to 5 pm) at: East Herts District Council, Planning Department, ☎ 01279 655261 (It is advisable to contact them in advance, as opening hours may vary) or: Environment Department, County Hall, Hertford ☎ 01992 556252, or via email to spatial.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk The case officer dealing with this application is: Jenny Foster ☎ 01992 556245