

Case Officer: Bob Neville

Recommendation: No Observations

Applicant: Mary Hudson

Proposal: Request for Scoping Opinion for the modification of the Approved Restoration Scheme through Importation of Inert Soil Material (follow-up to 21/00825/CM) - MW.0086/21

Expiry Date: 9 July 2021

Extension of Time:

1. APPLICATION SITE AND LOCALITY

- 1.1. This consultation relates to scoping opinion being considered by Oxfordshire County Council. The application relates to Alkerton Quarry sitting in open countryside some 750m east of the village of Alkerton.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1. The consultation seeks to determine the scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) connected to the proposed modification of the approved Restoration Scheme through Importation of Inert Soil Material; following up on a previous consultation in April 2021 (CDC ref. 21/00825/CM and OCC ref. MW.0029/21), with an alternative form of proposed development (modification of the Approved Restoration Scheme through the limited importation of inert soil material for nature conservation after-uses and holiday chalets) now being put forward by the applicants. It is not a planning application, and simply seeks the topics that Cherwell District Council would like to be addressed within ('scoped into') the EIA.

3. RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

- 3.1. The following planning history is considered relevant to the current proposal:

Application: 97/00430/CM Permitted 01 February 1999

Review of Mineral Planning Permissions.

Application: 01/01478/CM No objections 13 August 2001

Non-compliance with conditions No. 5, No. 98 and No. 101 of Planning Determination ref. 97/00430/CM and variation of Working Plan approved under condition No. 105.

Application: 12/01365/CM Application permitted 20 November 2012

Application to vary conditions 35, 40, 41, 98 & 99 of planning permission Ref 12/00056/CM; to create restoration contours the allow for effective drainage (OCC ref. MW.0113/12)

Application: 13/01257/CM No objections 04 September 2013

Section 73 application to vary condition 109 of planning application 12/01365/CM to allow the implementation of an updated restoration

Application: 19/00407/CM Observations 25 April 2019

Section 73 application to vary condition 99 of planning permission ref 12/01365/CM (MW.0113/12); to relocate the ephemeral pond at Alkerton Quarry (OCC ref MW.0020/19)

Application: 21/00825/CM Observations 12 April 2021

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4. PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS

- 4.1. No pre-application discussions have taken place with Cherwell District Council with regard to this proposal.

5. RESPONSE TO PUBLICITY

- 5.1. Cherwell District Council is a consultee only and there is no requirement for this application to be publicised.

6. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

- 6.1. Consultation has been carried out with Cherwell District Council consultees only. External bodies (e.g. Parish Council) should have been consulted separately by Oxfordshire County Council as part of the request.
- 6.2. ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER (CDC): No comments received at time of writing.
- 6.3. BUILDING CONTROL (CDC): No comments received at time of writing.
- 6.4. ECOLOGY (CDC): No comments received at time of writing.
- 6.5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (CDC): Satisfied with the contents and recommendations of the scoping report.
- 6.6. CDC LANDSCAPE SERVICES (CDC): The Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment requirement as set out in the Request for Screening and Scoping Opinion June 2021 is appropriate and acceptable.

7. APPRAISAL

- 7.1. As with the previous scheme the key issues for consideration in this case are the implications of the proposed works on this district and particularly the interests of Cherwell District Council ("this Council"), and to identify if any key issues have been omitted in the submitted in the revised EIA Scoping Report.
- 7.2. From reading the scoping report, which is considered a thorough summary of the key issues arising from the proposed works, there are no omissions which Cherwell District Council would like to highlight at this time.
- 7.3. The report having been updated to now include consideration of potential dust arising from the development, has addressed previous concerns raised by this Council's Environmental Protection Officer in response to the previous consultation 21/00825/CM.
- 7.4. This Council is confident that Oxfordshire County Council will carry out the necessary and appropriate consultations in order to ascertain if there are likely to be any additional areas of concern to be covered by a future Environmental Statement for the proposed works. As such it is recommended that this Council has no observations in relation to the application.

8. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council has no observations in relation to the application.

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DATE: 09/07/2021

Checked By: Nathanael Stock

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