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Sent: Saturday, November 16, 2013 09:05

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Subject: Fw: Isles Quarry

Hi Martin,

attached please find the email train since my sending pictures of the excavations to Lindsay on Thursday: I have reattached said pictures.

As BG is without a functioning Borough Member, I really appreciate your help, and quite understand the delicate line you have to walk.

What really angers me about this is the complete comtempt shown to us: it would have been so simple to just announce 10 days ago that Crest's application in regard to the conditions had been passed under delegated responsibility, but they can't even be bothered to show minimal adherence to the rules.

I really look forward to Crest's explanation of what "species related ecological investigation" they hope to carry out with 20 tonne diggers. I can't really see any "species" hanging about to be "investigated" with that devastation in progress.

Regards Mike

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To: Mike Taylor; Adrian Stanfield; Steve Humphrey

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Sent: Friday, November 15, 2013 4:46 PM

Subject: Re: Isles Quarry

Mike,

a further update

the land clearance itself is, I am told, predominantly to do with some specific, species related, aspects of ecological investigation. I will pick this up with Glenda next week.

The contamination report, in section 5.9.2, deals with aspects such a building removal and what will happen once the are removed. You are right that we do need to be satisfied that subsequent investigations are suitably intrusive for the proposed end use of the site (I appreciate that you have made specific comments as to what you believe was put into various parts of the site). My advisors are quite happy that this is the appropriate methodology and the work I shall be discussing with them next week will be to codify the acceptance of the methodology as proposed. Nevertheless, and as ever in these matters, we must always be prepared for the unexcepted but in this respect there is nothing unusual about IQW.

Lindsay

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>>> Mike Taylor <<u>mike.truck@btconnect.com</u>> 14/11/2013 17:14 >>>

Thanks, Lindsay,

look forward to an update in due course. I do take your point about needing to demolish the buildings so that assessments can be carried out on the hidden ground, but as you rightly note, no plan for that assessment has yet been submitted. The demolition is probably not such as an important issue as the extensive earthworks that are in progress.

I think Crest should be pressed for an undertaking that no spoil will be removed from site, either to Stangate or the wider area, until a proper assessment of the contamination is complete Regards,

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Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2013 4:57 PM

Subject: Re: Isles Quarry

Dear Mike

thank you for your email. I know that you have tried to get me by phone but I've been anxious to give you this before I leave the office. I am awaiting a call from Crest and once I've heard from them I'll be able to let you have a further update.

We are trying to contact Crest to establish why this work has commenced while we have yet to make a decision on the submitted details on contamination. I am to meet my technical advisors to discuss the suite of detail and process arrangements re: contamination etc early next week, in light of their comments and those of the EA. As I indicated in earlier correspondence should we receive additional material from the applicant it might be necessary to reconsult but that situation has not occurred.

Of course, as you will realise some of the work on any further contamination investigations, has of necessity to be phased, because, for instance any necessary intrusive investigation can only practically take place on the site of a building once that building has been removed and it is then possible to remove the relevant hardstanding and carry-out any necessary further intrusive investigations.

I am not quite sure of the point that you are seeking to make with regard to the LDCs. The site has been allocated for some time and there is now a planning permission for redevelopment. The LDCs formed part of the background to the decision to allocate the land but that allocation now stands so the existence or otherwise of the LDC buildings is no longer key. You are, or course, right that it would be most imprudent for any landowner to demolish a building (with a LDC or not) without either an allocation or planning permission to hand. That is not the case here.

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>>> Mike Taylor <<u>mike.truck@btconnect.com</u>> 14/11/2013 11:19 >>> Dear All,

After being alerted by a resident, I was extremely concerned to discover that major work is well under way at Isles Quarry, My understanding, confirmed at our recent meeting, was that various supplementary applications regarding groundwater, contamination investigation and remediation were still in process, awaiting technical responses from the applicant. I was led to believe that once you had any fresh information, you would keep us up to date as consultees. The original permission specifically forbids commencement of development until these permissions are approved in writing by the LPA, and I am not aware that this has yet happened.

I attach several photos taken today, showing demolition of the old Sentinel workshops on the High Level platform, demolition of the southern workshops, and major earthworks throughout the entire site.

I had always been under the impression the LDCs such as those relating to the above buildings and land were only valid if the items were still intact on the date that FULL permission was granted. There have been instances recently

where unfortunate applicants began demolition prior to full permission, enforcement begun, and a new application required. I would be most grateful of your assessment of the current validity of the conversion of the LDCs to housing permissions in this light.

Kind Regards Mike Taylor Chairman, Borough Green Parish Council

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