

North Northamptonshire Council -Examiners questions 2. Deadline 5.

Below is a summary (in red) of the NNC comments made at the Hearings to the listed agenda items.

Q1.2

Please provide an update on the outstanding matters in the SoCG.

NNC considers that the SoCG is now in an agreed form.

Q6.1 Draft Development Consent Order

Art 10 The version of this Art submitted at D4 now refers to work at the existing access location. Please comment on the terms of this version of the Art.

NNC considers that the revised wording in Art 10 adequately deals with the concerns previously expressed regarding the location of the access to the site, which will now be limited to the existing access point.

Q7.1 Land use, soils and socio-economic effects

Requirement 4 of the D3 version of the dDCO requires the provision of public access to the site and aftercare works to be carried out for a minimum period of 20 years in accordance with an approved phasing, landscaping and restoration scheme. The phasing, landscaping and restoration scheme is required to be in accordance with the principles set out in the ecological management, monitoring and aftercare plan (EMMAP [APP-110] DEC Appendix DEC E). Whilst the EMMAP sets out the requirements for management and maintenance of the restored habitats, it says little about the management and maintenance of the elements of the restored site necessary to support public access (for example, the car park, outdoor furniture, physical features of controls necessary for security, litter collection). Should these matters be included in the EMMAP or elsewhere in the dDCO?

Requirement 4 (3) f, g, and h of the DCO stipulate several physical requirements that are relevant to the public access to the site. The management of these could be controlled as part of the aftercare requirements under the approved phasing, landscaping and restoration plan. There is already a requirement for this to be reviewed at least every two years (Requirement 4 (4)). Requirement 4 (6) requires aftercare to be carried out for a minimum period of 20 years in accordance with the extant phasing, landscaping and restoration scheme in place at the time. Therefore, the management and maintenance of the restored site can be adequately dealt with through the existing restoration and aftercare requirements.

Regards

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