

Development Control Committee
Meeting to be held on 24th July 2019

Electoral Division affected: West Lancashire East
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West Lancashire Borough: application number. LCC/2019/0028
Proposed land restoration and regrading works using inert material, associated highway works including construction of a temporary public car park. Former Parbold Hill Quarry, Parbold Hill, Parbold.

Site Visit

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Executive Summary

Application – Proposed land restoration and regrading works using inert material, associated highway works including construction of a temporary public car park. Former Parbold Hill Quarry, Parbold Hill, Parbold.

Recommendation – Summary

That the Development Control Committee visit the site before determining the application.

Applicant's Proposal

The application is for the importation of inert soil materials to allow the reprofiling of a former landfill site at Parbold Hill Quarry, Parbold. Approximately 200,000m³ of material would be imported to the site over a period of approximately 2 years to allow the surface of the site to be regraded in order to promote the run off of surface water and reduce the volume of leachate that is produced. Following the completion of the regrading works, the site would be restored to agricultural pasture as at present.

The development would involve the creation of a new access off the A5209 which would lead to a surfaced area to allow HGVs to tip imported materials without having to travel on the unsurfaced parts of the landfill site. The new access would also serve a public car park / view point area that would be constructed as a replacement for the existing layby next to the A5209 that would be unavailable during the period of the development.

Description and Location of Site

The application site is located at the former Parbold Hill Quarry Landfill site. This site which has an area of approximately 15 ha, is a former sandstone quarry that was landfilled using primarily household waste during the 1980's. The site has now been restored and is an area of rough grazing land sloping to the south.

The site is located immediately to the south of the A5209 between Parbold and Wrightington at the summit of Parbold Hill. A pub / restaurant is located on the side of the A5209 immediately north of the site. The other sides of the site are comprised of agricultural grazing land with woodland on the southern boundary of the site. The nearest residential properties are located at Parbold Hall approximately 250 metres to the east of the site with a further property being located next to the adjacent pub / restaurant to the north of the site.

The site is located within the Green Belt.

Advice

The applicant states that the settlement of the landfill site since closure is leading to unacceptable volumes of leachate production caused by rainwater passing through the waste and collecting at the base of the landfill as leachate rather than running off the surface as clean surface water. The site is still subject to an environmental permit from the Environment Agency which requires leachate levels to be controlled by pumping to a sewer. The purpose of the application is to reduce the volume of leachate production and hence the need to pump leachate by reprofiling the surface of the landfill thereby encouraging rain water to run off the surface rather contributing towards leachate production.

The application has generated a large number of representations and therefore it is considered that it would be appropriate for members of the Committee to visit the site before determining the application.

Recommendation

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Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

None

Reason for Inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A