

Response to Planning Application ESS/31/25/BTE - Continuation of development permitted by ESS/12/20/BTE without compliance with conditions 2, 12, 17, 32, 33, 39, 47, 53, 60 and 62

16th May 2025

Dear Ms. Tomalin,

Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council has reviewed the details of this Section 73 application and offers the following comments and concerns:

1. Nature of the Application – “Without Compliance”

The Council is concerned that the application has been made to continue development "without compliance" with several conditions, rather than specifically seeking variation. The lack of clarity surrounding the exact nature and scale of the proposed changes—particularly in terms of how non-compliance is justified—raises transparency and monitoring concerns.

2. Internal Changes to Site Infrastructure

The Parish Council requests detailed clarification and plans showing the proposed changes to the internal haul road layout, including its realignment and impact on current site operations, ecology, and public rights of way. Similar detail is requested for the revised location and layout of the contractors’ compound, which must be carefully considered in terms of traffic, noise, dust, and proximity to public routes or sensitive environmental areas.

3. Water and Silt Management

Clarification is requested on how the relocation of silt ponds and water management infrastructure will impact existing operations and whether mitigation measures have been adequately planned to manage environmental risks during and after the transition.

4. Restoration and Biodiversity

The application outlines the intention to maintain the previously approved restoration strategy with a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). However, this approach involves a “carve-out” of the Greenhouse Application Site from the original minerals permission, and it is unclear how this impacts the overall integrity of the Site A7 restoration scheme. The Council requests detailed plans and phasing for how the restoration will still meet long-term biodiversity and amenity goals.

While the Council recognises the importance of adapting quarry operations to support the proposed Greenhouse Development, greater clarity, transparency, and alignment with local policies are essential before these extensive condition variations can be supported. The Parish Council seeks further detail on all revised plans and especially requests a revised biodiversity strategy.

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