
Finningley Quarry

Countryside and Right of Way (CRoW) and Habitats Directive Assessment

Report for:
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The site is located 150 m south of Finningley, accessed via A614 roundabout junction. AAe have been instructed by Tetron Finningley LLP to undertake an assessment under the Countryside and Right of Way (CRoW) Act 2000.

There are no Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), AONBs, LNR, LWS or RAMSAR sites within 3 km of the site. The site has Planning Permission for mineral extraction and has been actively worked in 2017 and 2018.

The purpose of this report is to fully assess the risk of the development works to the nearby designated receptors and to provide appropriate mitigation where necessary.

BAP Priority Habitat – Lowland heathland and deciduous woodland.

The site is actively minerally extracted within the last two years. There is no vegetation on site and there is no priority habitat present.

BAP Priority Species – Lapwing, Curlew and Tree Sparrows

The site itself is designated as potential habitat for Lapwing, Curlew and Tree Sparrows, a priority area for Countryside Stewardship targeting for Lapwing, and also within 50 m of Priority Woodland Habitat.

The permit application is for a hazardous landfill for restoration to facilitate the raising of land at the site to an agreed ground level in accordance with the approved Restoration Plan. Any residual risk will be mitigated using the methods outlined in Table 1. It is considered the tentative designation of suitable habitat for Lapwing, Curlew and Tree Sparrows, based on the unsuitable base line setting of the land and intensity of operation.

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There are no statutory designations (Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area or Ramsar sites) within 1 km of the site.

The mitigation plan shown in Table 1 will present any impact on either the Priority Habitat / Species only.

Table 1. Mitigation Methods

Issue	Control	Risk level
Direct physical impact and loss of habitat outwith the planning boundary.	The footprint of the development is defined. No works will occur outside of the project planning boundary. The land currently supports open quarry facades and base with no vegetation within the quarry void. It is of limited ecological value.	Negligible
Direct impact upon areas of land drainage. If drainage is significantly altered this may cause flooding and erosion of surrounding habitats.	There are no existing watercourses on or adjacent to the site. The surface water drainage will be in accordance with the Surface Water Strategy and maintenance plan.	Low
Run off into surrounding habitat. Pollution of local streams could have adverse effect on the aquatic ecosystems.	There are no drains/surface waters on the site itself. The nearest surface water is Austerfield Drain 410 m east of the site boundary. Care will be taken to ensure run-off from the site drains naturally to ground, and does not impact any surrounding land drains. Working controls are set out in the permit management plans, most notably the Surface Water Strategy document. With adherence to the management controls previously defined, there will be no pollution to the local watercourses.	Low
Fugitive dusts damaging surrounding fauna.	Significant deposition of dusts could have a negative impact upon the surrounding woodland habitats. Working controls are defined in the permit management plans including a Particulate Emissions Management Plan. With the correct implementation of controls there will be limited fugitive emissions and no degradation of surrounding habitat.	Low
Pollution	Importation protocol to be applied to ensure only acceptable materials are sourced and used.	Low

As per the Permit Application, the controls will be inspected daily to ensure they are robustly applied.

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