

EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR RESTORATION

LONG DROWPITS LANDFILL, KETTERING

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Supporting Statement

This document is submitted to Northamptonshire County Council on behalf of Barton Plant Ltd in support of a Variation of Condition 21, an extension of time limit for restoration.

Planning permission was granted in March 2002 for an extension of the Weekley Wood Hall Wood landfill site into Long Drowpits gullet; reference KE/01/597C. This allowed the restoration of Long Drowpits gullet by extending the landfill operations in an easterly direction as far as the end of the estate track across the gullet approximately half way along its length; it is referred to as Phase 2.

Working is proceeding in an easterly direction, with the placement of fill over an advancing face. It is intended to restore the site progressively. Restoration work will generally take place in the autumn each year, with the placing of soils and the planting of trees. Following the completion of the importation of fill, a further 6-12 months will be needed to complete the restoration work.

Permission was granted in December 2008 for amended restoration contours in conjunction with a permission to extend the landfill further east to the end of the gullet, this latter being referred to as Phase 3. The timescale for completion of the inert waste landfill in the area of Long Drowpits Phase 2 allowed by this permission was until 1 December 2011; NCC Ref: 08/00081/WAS

In October 2010, condition 13 (ecological management plan) of planning permissions 08/00081/WAS and 08/00082/WAS at Long Drowpits Gullet was formally discharged by the submission of an acceptable ecological management plan.

Condition 21 (End date) of planning permissions 08/00081/WAS at Long Drowpits Gullet states:

The development hereby permitted shall cease not later than 1st December 2011 and the land shall be restored or reinstated by this date in accordance with the conditions of this permission.

With the decline in the construction sector in recent years, the supply of inert waste has failed to meet the requirements needed for the restoration of Long Drowpits Phase 2 within the timescale. The operator has estimated that there is a shortfall of approximately 40,000 cubic metres, which at the current rate of filling will require a further two years from the date of this application. It is for this reason that an application has been made for the Variation of Condition 21 of planning permission 08/00081/WAS as follows:

*The development hereby permitted shall cease not later than 1st December ~~2011~~ **2014** and the land shall be restored or reinstated by this date in accordance with the conditions of this permission.*

The current condition at Long Drowpits Phase 2 is illustrated in drawing B007-07/GPP/BP/LD2/12/09 Photopanel A.