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NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

To: RMC Aggregates (UK) Ltd
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Signed: [Signature] Date: 3.6.03

for DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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6. No extraction of sand and gravel shall take place until the works approved pursuant to Condition 5 are constructed to the satisfaction of the County Planning Authority in consultation with the Highway Authority.
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 - ii. the protection and maintenance of existing trees and hedges which are to be retained on the site
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 - iv. the replacement of any damaged or dead trees with trees of similar size and species at the next appropriate season.
14. Any drums and small containers used for oil and other chemicals on the site shall be stored in bunded areas which do not drain to any watercourse, surface water sewer or soakaways and all oil or chemical storage tanks, ancillary handling facilities and equipment including pumps and valves shall be contained within an impervious bunded area of a least 110% of the total stored capacity
15. Any oil storage tanks on the site shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by oil tight bund walls; the bunded areas shall be capable of containing 110% of the tank volume and shall enclose all fill and draw pipes.
16. Measures shall be taken to ensure that vehicles leaving the site shall not be in a condition whereby they would deposit mud or other loose material on the public highway.
17. No sand and gravel shall be transported from the processing site until details of signs, showing the direction to be taken by vehicles entering and leaving the site, have been submitted to and approved by the County Planning Authority. The approved signs to be erected by the company at the site entrance, within one month of this permission, and thereafter maintained by the company for the duration of the operation.

18. No external lighting shall be installed on the site unless it is maintained such that it will not cause glare beyond the site boundaries.
19. Handling, movement and re-spreading of topsoil and subsoil shall not take place except when the soils are in a suitably dry and friable condition and in such a way and with such equipment as to ensure minimum compaction. (No handling of topsoil and subsoil shall take place except between 1st April and 31st October unless otherwise agreed in writing by the County Planning Authority.)
20. Before the topsoil is replaced on those areas to be restored to an agricultural afteruse a layer of at least 600mm of subsoil substitute shall be created through the use of soils, sand, overburden and/or excavation spoil derived from the site. This layer shall be cross-ripped to a depth of at least 500mm to relieve compaction.
21. On those areas to be restored to an agricultural afteruse an even layer of topsoil shall be re-spread on the subsoil layer to an even depth of at least 300mm.
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24. No dewatering of excavations shall be carried out except in accordance with details submitted with the application and as set out in the Environmental Statement which accompanied the application.
25. An aftercare scheme specifying such steps as may be necessary to bring the land to the required standard for use for agriculture shall be submitted for the approval of the County Planning Authority not later than six months from the date of commencement of the extraction of sand and gravel. The approved aftercare scheme shall be implemented over a period of five years following the completion of restoration or in the case of phased restoration in stages each of five years duration dating from each completed restoration phase.

Note(s)

- a. Attention is drawn to the requirements of the Environment Agency as contained in their letter dated 9 November 2001 a copy of which is attached to this notice.
- b. This permission is subject also to a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, covering the long term management and restoration of the site for nature conservation and the provision of a footpath.
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12 NOV 2001

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