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Subject: Re: Barford Quarry Application Timetable (Case Ref: MW1471)

Matt

Thank you for your letter regarding the publication timetable of Regulatory documents. I have copied into my reply Mark and Scott to find out the detail behind this and also Sarah Duxbury as our Head of Legal Services. As soon as I have details back, I will be able to respond.

best wishes,

Izzi ..

Izzi Seccombe OBE

Leader

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From: Harpreet Rai <harpreetrai@warwickshire.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Isobel Seccombe

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 2:39 PM

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Dear Matt - Officers have now come back to me on this matter and I can provide you with this detail as below.

The County Council understand that this planning application is a matter of significant interest and concern to many Warwickshire residents and have taken all possible steps to ensure that members of the public can engage with the process and make their views heard.

As a planning authority we are required to determine any application that we receive within statutory timescales. The statutory timescale for this application is 16 weeks and it was registered on 14 November 2022. We are able to extend this period where the applicant agrees to this in writing and in this particular case the applicant has agreed to an extension. This has meant that we have been able to extend the period for consultation. Nevertheless, we do have a duty to determine applications as quickly as possible^{[1][1]} and a failure to do this can mean that the applicant is able to appeal directly to the Secretary of State and the County Council loses its power to determine.

The planning officer with responsibility for this matter is currently working through all of the application documents, consultee responses and representations. The officer will need to assess the proposal against the provisions of the relevant development plans and national planning policy and produce a report that considers all the material factors relevant to the decision and arrive at a recommendation. The application will then be determined by Members of the County Council's Regulatory Committee at a date yet to be fixed. We note that your constituents have expressed concern about the five-day gap between the publication of the planning officers report and the committee hearing. We are required by law to give notice of a public meeting and to publish the agenda and accompanying reports at least five working days in advance^{[1][2]}. The agenda and reports for Regulatory Committee are routinely published a week in advance of the committee date which means that Members are able to make their decision on the basis of the most up to

date information and analysis and as a local planning authority we are compliant with our duty to determine the application as promptly as possible. The Committee does have the power to defer if it considers that a deferral is necessary to reach a properly informed and lawful decision.

Members of the public who have commented on the application can make a request to speak at Regulatory Committee by contacting the County Council at least three working days in advance. Further details are on the website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/regulatorycommittee>

We note your concerns about the County Council's current policy of not uploading comments from consultees onto its public planning portal. This is a lawful approach for the County Council to take although this policy is currently under review. In this case all of the documents provided by the applicant are on the public portal and if any further application documents are received they will also be uploaded. In addition, members of the public are welcome to attend Shire Hall and inspect all of the documents including the public and consultee comments and we understand that some residents have already visited in order to do this.

We will update all parties as to the status of the application as soon as we can and we are committed to ensuring that the determination is lawful, fair and takes into account all relevant planning considerations.

^{[1][1]} NPPF para 47 ^{[1][2]} S100A &100B Local Government Act 1972

I hope this briefing is helpful. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Best wishes...Izzi

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From: "SWEENEY, Jamie" <jamie.sweeney@parliament.uk>
Date: 12 July 2023 at 09:29:45 BST
To: Malcolm Eykyn <malcolm.eykyn@gmail.com>
Subject: **FW: Barford Quarry Application Timetable (Case Ref: MW1471)**

Hi Malcolm,

I hope you're well. We've received the below response from Izzi Seccombe.

They're not budging, though I note it's *at least* 5 days and the suggestion is it'll be at least a week but clearly not as long as we would like. The committee do have the ability to delay the decision interestingly.

Best,

Jamie Sweeney
Policy Assistant



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P.S. There is a huge amount that Matt is doing to try and best represent you and all constituents on so many issues. To receive a copy of his e-updates, please sign up here: www.mattwestern.org/subscribe