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Dear Nigel,

Further Consultation on Leicestershire Minerals Development Framework

Thank you for consulting this authority in regard to the above. The following represents an officer response to the document.

In regard to the reference at para. 4.68 to the proposal to continue to use the Donington Island for clay stocking and blending, it is understood that the facility is needed for the purpose of supplying ceramic manufacturing businesses in the area thus benefiting the economy and local employment. It is further understood that the operation would be on a smaller scale than has previously been the case on this site and that appropriate mitigation measures, including further landscaping and appropriate infrastructure works, would be provided to ameliorate any potential detrimental impacts.

Therefore no objection is raised to the principle of the proposal. However, the authority would oppose any planning application that would lead to an unacceptable detrimental impact upon local amenity within South Derbyshire. Particular attention is drawn to the need for lorry routing to avoid residential areas within the district, including the village of Overseal, and for the site to be fully screened from viewpoints within South Derbyshire using additional earth bunding and tree planting, having regard to the rural location and the fact that the site lies within the National Forest.

We look forward to the opportunity to comment on site specific proposals in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Groves
Planning Policy Officer