

Minerals Assessment – Field Farm

LPA Ref: 22/0136/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a permanent agricultural workers' dwelling

Location: Field Farm, Besthorpe Road, North Scarle, Lincs.

In simple terms, we don't think the proposed is unacceptably constraining either mineral resources beneath the site or other operational/planned sites by virtue of proximal constraining effects.

Checks confirm that the proposal is located within the Mineral Local Plan's Safeguarding Area.

The geological map confirms that there may be a mineral resource beneath the site, but we don't believe it is commercially capable of being extracted.

It is likely to be a relatively thin deposit - hence probably why it is not being worked/safeguarded.

In any case the geological map confirms that there is quite a lot of unconstrained mineral resource in the wider area.

The combination of some geological constraint (the overlying superficial deposit and need to shift more muck to get at the quality mineral resource) and the proximity to the existing buildings/dwellings probably mean that an extraction site is unviable/undeliverable.

There is unlikely to be an economic case for recovering any mineral in advance or as part of the residential development - costs would be high and benefits minimal.

Finally, it appears unlikely that the development would constrain operations (or future extensions) of other resources as it is well distanced. So, it is not unlikely to create a proximal sterilization issue in our judgement. We don't believe there are any other operations that could potentially be constrained.

Overall, the proposal does not cut across the objectives of minerals safeguarding policies in the context of Policy M11 of the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 'Core Strategy and Development Management Policies' (June 2016).

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