

Therefore, based on the above, it appears that Worcestershire has a declining inert capacity and the 3 currently EA permit sites have very limited capacity.

West Midlands Metropolitan Districts

In terms of the West Midlands Metropolitan Districts, Meriden Quarry (Area G) is the only EA permitted landfill accepting inert waste. The total inert waste received at Meriden Quarry in 2021 was 783,452 tonnes. Meriden Quarry is operated by the Appellants, therefore if required, 60,000m³ per annum could be redirected from Meriden Quarry to Lea Castle Farm to enable restoration.

Major Projects

Furthermore, as set out in the submitted Planning Statement (CD1.02), the site is ideally suited to help support growth in respect of the provision of minerals and the importation of inert waste associated with Lea Castle village. Large quantities of soils and clays will arise from this large scale scheme and the potential transport to and use of this material in the Appeal restoration scheme, aligns with the ethos of achieving sustainable development.

Notwithstanding this, the site is ideally geographically located to support growth/development in north Worcestershire and the west Midlands. 20 different construction projects have been planned for the West Midlands region of the UK, costing a total of approximately £10bn and will require the deposition of significant volumes of inert waste. Notwithstanding HS2, some of the construction works include the redevelopment of land across new stations created for HS2. The prospectus also includes office, retail, and residential buildings – to be located near the new Birmingham International and Birmingham city centre train stations. There are also plans for Wolverhampton's city centre, with the canal side to be redeveloped, a new manufacturing facility will be built in Nuneaton and a manufacturing park that houses Jaguar Land Rover is to be extending.

NRS group of companies are one of the largest independent suppliers of aggregates and waste management operators within the Midlands. Following the applicant's formation in 2005, NRS group now operate across the Midlands with over 70 people employed by the business in the haulage, road sweeper, waste management and quarrying facets of the business. The applicant supplies over 1 million tonnes of aggregates per annum to customers and runs a large fleet of vehicles ranging

The applicant is confident that market demand, growth projects in the area, increased housing demand will support the need for inert void at Lea Castle Farm over an above that permitted for the life of the site. Given the above, the deliverability of the restoration scheme at Lea castle Farm with the importation of 60,000m³ per annum is considered achievable.