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From: Stuart Ryder
Sent: 07 December 2022 12:02
To: Curley, Jane
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Dear Jane

I have produced an updated note that I have called Rev A to clarify the points you raised and highlighted the changes in yellow for your ease of finding them. The overall assessment/recommendation has not changed.

I will call to discuss but in short;

- The word immediately should not have been there, it was a carry over from an earlier draft so I have deleted it.
- The years growth has been clarified for views from Rownall Road 3-4 years to start to have an effect and 6-8 to be totally effective in screening the view west.
- I have added a new paragraph on sequential cumulative effects.
- Left assimilation into the landscape in 3 to 4 years once the bunds have greened over and they no longer appear new and raw.

With regards to your last question about the consultants assessment of;

The overall cumulative effect on the footpath would be Major/moderate and adverse. Again I presume this is residual effect. Why do you think he gives it such a magnitude of effect once the mitigation becomes effective?

I would say this is down to the fact that the current footpath character of passing through an open, pastoral landscape of reasonable scenic quality will change to one of passing through plantation woodland with occasional fields left within it. It will no longer appear connected into a wider, open landscape until you are east of Rownall Road and the three power schemes (Cellarhead and the two battery parks) are behind you and the Churnet Valley opens up in front of you. I think the assessor is being honest for once rather than saying that the mitigation solves all ills the character of the path and the path users's experience walking along it will change in an Adverse fashion.

From: Curley, Jane **Sent:** 06 December 2022 13:01
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Hello Stuart

I'm just finalising my Committee report on this one. Couple of queries please. I'm on a tight deadline so if you can look at in the next 24 hours I'd be very grateful

1. Under Landscape effects you say:-

The ability to create a series of strong planted bunds around the now lowered facility is acknowledged and ultimately the woodland planting belt will likely screen out all views to the acoustic barrier wall immediately other than in the south west corner.

Do you mean immediately or is that just reference to the bunds in combination with the lowering of ground levels providing immediate screening of the acoustic fence?

Later on you say that it would take 6-8 years for the planting to become effective. Is this the sort of timescale for the artificial form of the bunds to be hidden amongst the woodland planting?

2. You mention that the bunding doesn't appear to have taken account of RPA's of some of the trees – do you think there is probably space to get the right profile without adversely affecting the trees?
3. The application to the south west is also back in (I'll be in touch separately about that one). I've had a very quick look and it also includes planted bunds on the east and north to screen from Rownall Road and FP 53. I need to cover cumulative impact. Their consultant has done this. He assesses the compound landscape effect as Moderate on this tract of LCT Ancient Plateau Farmlands. I presume he means the residual effect will be Moderate. Do you agree and is this coming from the change from open pastoral fields to a wooded and enclosed landscape??
In terms of cumulative visual effect the consultant says that from certain locations along this Footpath both the proposed development and the other scheme would be visible in succession or occasionally in the same arc of view. The overall cumulative effect on the footpath would be Major/moderate and adverse. Again I presume this is residual effect. Why do you think he gives it such a magnitude of effect once the mitigation becomes effective?

Any advice very welcome. If you can't meet my tight deadline I can always put on the update report

Thank you

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