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**Cc:** Lindsay, Michelle; Walsh, James (NE); Julia Casterton  
**Subject:** NY/2011/0465/73 Blubberhouses Quarry, Kex Gill, North Yorkshire

Thank you for consulting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on the further information provided for the above application. I have looked at the document provided by Hanson which was drawn up to answer the authority's questions from 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

The document does not provide any further detail as to how the Trust's previous concerns included in our letter of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 will be addressed. Our comments included various issues to do with the peat restoration plan and the long term management plan for the site.

The Trust does not accept the argument put forward in the recent document that as Natural England sees these plans as acceptable that no improvement is required. Natural England is the statutory agency which provides advice on impacts on nationally and internationally designated sites, however North Yorkshire County Council is the competent authority which will carry out a Habitats Regulations Assessment of the application and make the final decision as to whether planning permission should be given.

A further issue is that Yorkshire Water do not appear to have commented on the proposed peat management and restoration plans. The Trust considers that due to the possibility of peat erosion from the application site there may be impacts on the water quality of the River Washburn and Fewston Reservoir and that the views of Yorkshire Water should be sought. This issue also does not appear to have been considered by the Environment Agency.

Do get in touch if you require any further clarification.

Best wishes  
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