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Dear Sirs,

RESTORATION OF FORMER SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRY AT CEFN Y BEDD P/2011/0272

Further to the comments of consultees, and our site meeting on 27th June, we write with further information and explanation about the proposals which we trust will address the points raised.

LANDSCAPE EFFECTS - VIEWS INTO THE SITE

There are two properties with views into the site, as shown in the photographs. The ABC Day Nursery has windows overlooking the site, though these windows are partly obscured by pictures stuck to them. Lane End, a single storey house, has a window on its western elevation which gives a view along the northern margin of the site, and a window on its southern elevation which looks out onto the established Japanese Knotweed stand which straddles the boundary between the garden and the site. The garden also has a solid fence which obscures views at lower levels. The proposals include the treatment of this Japanese Knotweed by herbicide over a period of several years, so that views into the restored site and beyond towards the Alyn valley will then be available. Noise fencing for the duration of the works (or periods of maximum noise generation) would also screen the disturbance of the site until restoration is achieved.

The working plan 2909-05 shows the direction of working. The area nearest Lane End would be filled and restored first, and so would have a developed grass sward by the time the noise fencing was removed and the knotweed eradicated. This property would therefore gain an improved outlook on completion of the work.



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ABC Nursery overlooks the western margin of the proposal site



Japanese Knotweed stand and garden fence (arrowed) obscuring views south from Lane End

We trust that these comments provide sufficient explanation of the proposals as they relate to the queries and concerns raised, but please contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,

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