

Section 73 Town and Country Planning Act
Planning Application for the Extension of Time Permitted under Planning
Permission 10/95734

Avon Tyrrell Reservoir

Land North of Ripley, Ringwood.

Supporting Statement

1. Planning permission was granted on 1st April 2011 to extend the end date allowing the removal of sand and gravel to construct a reservoir on the Avon Tyrrell Estate.
2. Condition 1 of planning permission 10/95734 states; *“Extraction of minerals shall cease by 30 September 2012 and restoration, including removal of plant and buildings, shall be completed by 31 July 2013, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority”*.
3. Extraction of the sand and gravel has not been completed and there are two reasons why it has not been possible to comply with condition 1 making it necessary to request a further extension. Firstly, when the application for that planning permission was made in June 2010, it was not possible to predict that the global economic recession then affecting the construction industry in the United Kingdom would not have run its course and that the construction industry would not be stronger by 2012. In fact the recession continued into the deepest recession, or even depression, that the UK has incurred. Consequently the requirement for raw construction materials has not been as buoyant as was then anticipated.
4. The second reason why condition 1 has not been capable of compliance relates to the extreme weather experienced throughout 2012. Throughout the period when dry weather would have been expected some of the



- highest rainfall and damaging flooding has occurred across the country. Consequently, due to the volume of groundwater to be pumped and the limitations on pumping into the Ripley Brook, it has not been possible to maintain the reservoir construction site in a dry, workable state. Also due to the high water level in the excavation it has not been possible to access the floor of the lake for further deepening and it is likely that this will not be possible until the summer of 2013.
5. For these reasons the construction site has suffered reduced activity throughout 2012 and it has not been possible to extract the sand and gravel as had been anticipated.
 6. It is intended that the sand and gravel shall be fully extracted at the earliest opportunity and the shaping of the landscape will take place thereafter. It is proposed that a sufficient period is permitted to ensure that a further extension will be most unlikely. Consequently an extension of 1 year from September 2012 is sought to complete the extraction and one year from July 2013 to complete the restoration.
 7. This application is, therefore, for the development of land without complying with condition 1 and the variation of that condition to read;
“1. Extraction of minerals shall cease by 30 September 2013 and restoration, including removal of plant and buildings, shall be completed by 31 July 2014 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Mineral Planning Authority”.
 8. No other conditions are proposed to be varied and all other conditions of planning permission 10/95734 shall remain in full force and effect.

