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Landscape. Endorse NCC assessment of this site. Comments to be addressed. Three sites are adjacent forming a block of 42ha. Sites are relatively flat which the evidence base lists as a “positive” as the screening of workings is easy using bunds, these would remove any view of the surrounding countryside. The proposal is to use overland conveyor belts to the existing East Bilney Quarry representing an industrialisation in an area that is recognised by CPRE as being “tranquil”. The cumulative effect of the proposed extractions could have a detrimental effect on the landscape of this area. Attention should be paid to the phasing of the sites.

Highways/Transport. Endorse NCC assessment of this site. Comments to be addressed. The proposal is to use overland conveyor belts East Bilney Quarry from where they would be transported by HGV. Issue 17 “Road Safety and Casualty Reduction” highlights the need to avoid waste development adversely impacting on road safety. This means extending planning permission for the existing quarry and prolonging the use Rawhall Lane/C225 which is a national cycle route must increase the danger to cyclists, walkers and horse riders. C225 is a narrow country lane used by local people visiting the Gressenhall Post Office/Shop.

Ecology. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as acceptable provided the following comments are addressed. Preferred Option CS7 “Local Nature Conservation Designations and Protection and endorsement of Habitats and Species in Non-Designated Areas” states that minerals and waste development will not be permitted in or near sites of local importance such as County Wildlife Sites. These proposed sites are all within the parish of Beetley which has 6 County Wildlife Sites. Particular attention should be paid to preserving the bio diversity and landscape features.

Amenity. Endorse NCC assessment of this site as acceptable provided the following comments are addressed. The immediate area around this proposed site is recognised by the CPRE as being “tranquil”. The cumulative effect of these proposed sites could spoil this beautiful area. Attention should be paid to not obliterating the views of the countryside. The C225 is a narrow country lane that is used by local people visiting the Post Office and shop in Gressenhall