

Retford Circular Economy Project (RCEP)

The RCEP is a new project which aims to carefully extract pulverised fuel ash (PFA) waste deposits from a former landfill and process it, allowing it to be reused as a sustainable building product. The primary aim is to produce a sustainable cement substitute.

As part of the pre-application stage of this project we recently undertook a public consultation so that members of the local community could have their say on our proposals. This consultation took place originally between 29th September 2022 – 26th October 2022. Hive Aggregates would like to thank those of you who engaged with the proposals through attending our online and in-person events and for providing your feedback.

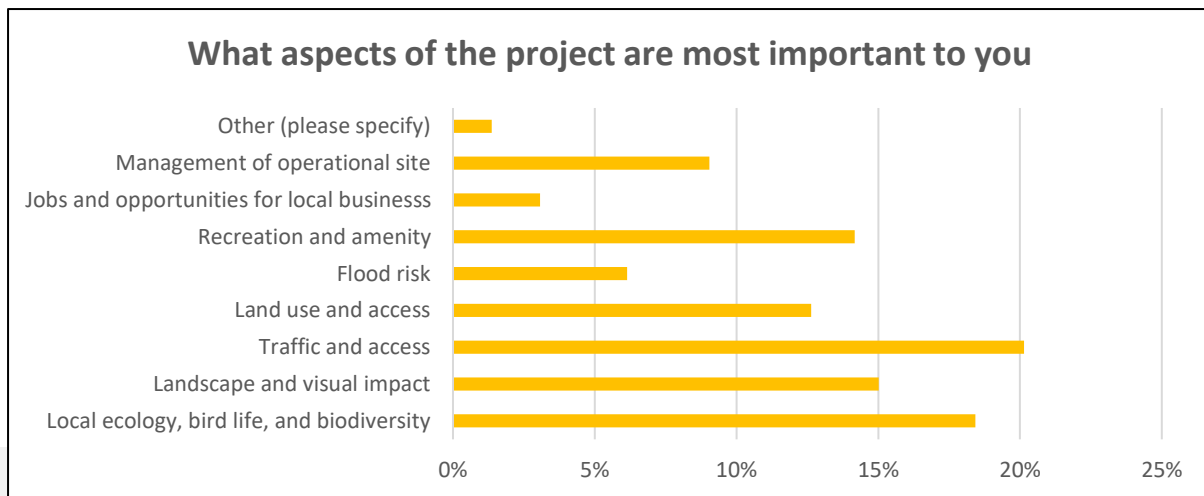
A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) will form part of our planning application, proposed for submission in early 2023, and will provide a detailed overview of the consultation activities undertaken as well as an analysis of the feedback received and how it has been considered by the project team as the proposals develop. As we continue to refine the final design of the project, we've produced a summary of the key feedback received during the consultation.

Summary of key feedback received during the consultation

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on our proposals. In total, the consultation received 139 pieces of feedback via the hard copy feedback form, online feedback form or directly to the project inbox.

We have received a range of feedback on the project, including support for re-using PFA as an alternative to traditional cement, and support for job creation and the carbon reduction credentials. The feedback also raises a number of concerns about the project, and we acknowledge that it is paramount to ensure that the project is adequately managed throughout construction and operation. It follows that our planning application will include a full suite of environmental management and mitigation measures. We are working hard on these at present. A key question we wanted to know was, what aspects of the project are most important to you. Our findings in the below graph show that the most important aspects were:

- Traffic and Access
- Local ecology, bird life and biodiversity
- Landscape and visual impact
- Recreation and amenity



We have already taken significant action in response to comments received, including to address concerns relating to traffic and transport. We have removed the Temporary Optimisation Site from the project, including proposals to utilise Chainbridge Lane and the cross-roads in Lound village to access it. We also extended the consultation period to allow for further comments following a meeting at Lound Village Hall, held on 25th October and well attended by the local community.

All feedback received is being analysed and considered carefully by the project team. Responses to all of the issues raised and how they have been considered in the final design of the project will be available in the Statement of Community Involvement, submitted as part of the planning application to Nottinghamshire County Council.