Comment for planning application WSCC/002/24

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Comments	Clearly the restoration needs to be completed and from where we are now, an extension to the completion time frame is unavoidable. However, it is disappointing that this seems to have caught Biffa, WSCC and EA by surprise leading to request last minute permissions. This surely shows a lack of management control and forward planning. I also understand that this will be the 2nd extension, does this indicate that we'll just see how it goes and get a 3rd extension if required? I'm surprised that a contract is allowed to breach original conditions (timescales) seemingly without consequences or penalties on Biffa. There also doesn't seem to be any incentive for Biffa to complete restorations on time when they are still charging and presumably profiting from the tipping of incoming topsoils. The variation wording is lazy, a cut and paste from the original and states a date of 31st December 2024 or 'within 12 months of the cessation of waste or which ever is earlier' which has already past given the end date. Given the history of non-delivery, would it not be better to impose a detailed schedule through conditions which outline when soil deliveries must be completed by and seeding etc to be completed by (and I'm sure there are more steps that could be added). Given the seasonal nature of the restoration process, a detailed schedule will provide a means of monitoring progress and provide early warnings of likely missed deadlines much earlier in the process. Without a detailed schedule either being requested or imposed it seems that no one is really that bothered if they miss another deadline or not!	
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