

**Case Study>> Minerals>> Willow Hall Farm, Thorney, Peterborough**

**Client>> P J Thory**

**Project>> Sand and Gravel Quarry with Restoration**



**The planning permission and S106 Agreement was granted in 2013 to extract sand and gravel with importation of inert fill for low level restoration at Willow Hall Farm. The planning application was accompanied by an Environmental Statement, as the development fell within Schedule 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. The permission facilitates the extraction of sand and gravel from an area of 65 hectares, amounting to 2.25m tonnes over about 12 years, with restoration to low-level agriculture by the importation of clean inert fill, utilising about 1.9m tonnes, with creation of areas of new habitat.**

GP Planning Ltd prepared the planning application and Environmental Statement, co-ordinating the input from many technical consultants. Subsequently, GP Planning Ltd worked closely with the client and technical experts to discharge a range of detailed planning conditions relating to the operation of the quarry and important ecological and landscape enhancement. The planning conditions were discharged in May 2014. Later in 2014 a Section 73 Planning Application was submitted by GP Planning Ltd to Peterborough City Council for the intensification of extraction from the quarry during 2 temporary periods to service a local flood defence engineering works contract, known as the Whittlesey Washes South Barrier Bank Works. The Phase 1 extraction of sand and gravel commenced in the Autumn of 2014. During this initial operational period GP Planning Ltd worked closely with the operator and monitoring authority to ensure compliance with the planning permission.

Subsequently, in 2015, GP Planning Ltd submitted a Bespoke Environmental Permit for the importation of inert waste to facilitate the restoration of the quarry. This permit was issued in 2016. The commencement of the restoration of Phase 1 represents the culmination of over 4 years of work by GP Planning Ltd on behalf of P J Thory, seeing a project through from initial concept to successful commercial operation.