

**Site Name & Reference****BC04 Trigon Hill extension****Brief Summary of Proposal**

Extraction of 440,000 tonnes of ball clay over a period of three to four years – the site forms an extension to an existing ball clay quarry

Total number of Representations received : **11**Total number of Representors : **11****Were comments received from the following consultees?**Natural England **Yes**Local Nature Partnership: **No**Parish Council(Wareham St Martin) **Yes**English Heritage **Yes**Local Enterprise Partnership: **No**District Council (Purbeck) **Yes**Environment Agency **Yes****Other bodies making comments included:**

- ARC
- CPRE
- Birchwood Tourist Park
- RSPB
- Dorset AONB
- Wareham Forest Tourist Park

**Petitions** – no petitions were received to this site.

<b>Site Issues – the following is a summary of the main issues that have been raised by stakeholders.</b>		
<b>Summary of Issue</b>	<b>Officer Initial Response</b>	<b>Actions &amp; Further Information Requirements</b>
<b>General Issues</b>		
<b>Restoration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will site be subject to landfill following mineral extraction?</li> </ul>	The Mineral Sites Plan is only considering mineral extraction. The on-going Review of the Waste Plan is not proposing any new or future landfill capacity in Dorset. Where fill is used for site restoration the expectation is that this will be inert fill only.	None proposed.

## Environmental Issues

<p><b>Hydrology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extraction would create an adverse impact on water courses.</li> </ul>	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies.</p> <p>The Environment Agency is consulted as a matter of course on such matters.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Environmental Impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Impact on Heathland/Biodiversity - Impact on Flora and Fauna including Morden Bog and Hyde SSSI, sand lizards and smooth snakes.</li> <li>▪ Site may have in situ biodiversity interest including breeding Annex 1 birds.</li> <li>▪ Impact on the SNCI through working in close proximity.</li> <li>▪ Possible off site gains should be considered such as a habitat link north of the proposed area between the SSSI to the NW and the SNCI to the east.</li> </ul>	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies. These are required by the Planning Authority before any further decisions can be made.</p> <p>In order to be acceptable, the development proposal would need to pass the tests in the Conservation Regulations (previously: Habitats Regulations).</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Highways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Traffic impacts/congestion on the C7 Bere Road</li> <li>▪ Damage to the C7 road surface from quarry vehicles</li> <li>▪ Quarry vehicles are a danger to cyclists and horse riders</li> </ul>	<p>This site is an extension to an existing site. The volume of traffic should not change from the current situation.</p> <p>The Highway Authority, which considers matters of highway safety, is consulted at every stage in the plan's preparation.</p> <p>Any planning application would need to be accompanied by a Transport Assessment (TA) study.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Historic Environment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further Archaeological assessment required</li> <li>▪ Detrimental impact to Barrows</li> </ul>	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies, which includes a full archaeological assessment of the impact from any development on the archaeological sites.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

### Social Issues

**Amenity:**

- Dust and noise from quarrying activity would adversely affect residents.

If this development were to be allocated and permitted, planning conditions attached to any planning consent could be used to minimise adverse impacts upon amenity. Mitigation may include restrictions on hours of working, screening bunds and use of appropriate equipment to reduce noise.

Similarly, conditions can be used to manage levels of dust and dirt emanating from the site, such as through appropriate design and management of the site, and the adoption of appropriate control and mitigation measures (including separation distances, landscaping, screening and spraying haul roads within the site).

These matters will be considered in further detail.

### Economic Issues

**Tourism**

- Adverse impact on caravan parks in Cold Harbour and the wider economy
- Loss of employment in the tourism industry

The Mineral Planning Authority has a statutory duty to make provision for an adequate level of aggregate supply and minerals also play an important economic role, being essential for the construction industry. This will also need to be considered when the MPA looks at the overall supply of minerals.

Any adverse impact on tourism would need to be balanced with the need for aggregate.

These matters will be considered in further detail.