

**Site Name & Reference** BC05 Dorey's Holme Heath**Brief Summary of Proposal**

Site nomination as an extension to an existing quarry for the extraction of 131,000 tonnes of ball clay over a period of two to three years

Total number of Representations received **15**Number of Representors **15****Were comments received from the Following Consultees**Natural England **Yes**Local Nature Partnership **Yes**Parish Council (East Holme) **No**English Heritage **Yes**Local Enterprise Partnership **No**District Council (Purbeck) **No**Environment Agency **Yes****Other bodies making comments included:**

- ARC
- CPRE
- Ministry of Defence
- RSPB
- Dorset AONB Partnership
- Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Urban Heaths Partnership
- Swanage Walking Group

**Petitions** – no petitions were received**Site Issues – the following is a summary of the main issues that have been raised by stakeholders.**

<b>Summary of Issue</b>	<b>Officer Initial Response</b>	<b>Actions &amp; Further Information Requirements</b>
<b>General Issues</b>		
<b>Site location:</b> Proximity to MOD leased land used as live firing range, extraction could be compromised from a safety view point. Access is restricted and traffic movements would need to be co-ordinated to minimise conflict with military uses.	This is an issue that would need to be considered further if the site were to be progressed. Other existing ball clay sites operate in close proximity to firing ranges and should not preclude mineral extraction. The site promoter will be requested to provide further information.	These matters will be considered in further detail.
<b>Sustainability Objectives:</b> Dorset LNP has shown concern that this site is likely to fail to meet a series of Sustainable Development	As the plan progresses the MPA will welcome further involvement of the Dorset LNP in order to ensure the Minerals Sites Plan achieves its objective.	These matters will be considered in further detail.

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<b>Environmental Issues</b>		
<p><b>Hydrology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extraction would create adverse impacts on water courses and on adjacent habitats.</li> </ul>	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies. 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>▪ Biodiversity – development would have significant in-combination effects with sites on either side of it.</li> <li>▪ Impact on the integrity of surrounding designated habitats, functional links between species using the SAC/SPA areas near mineral extraction and the area of development itself.</li> <li>▪ Effort has been spent restoring the site to acid grassland and heathland and this restoration should continue.</li> <li>▪ Site supports reptiles including sand lizards and smooth snakes and European protected species including Annex 1 species of bird. Records of uncommon species.</li> <li>▪ Heathland fragmentation</li> <li>▪ Disruption of the grazing regime and detrimental to the management of the SSSI/SAC/Ramsar/SPA</li> <li>▪ Impact on the landscape/ANOB</li> </ul>	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies. In order to be acceptable, the development proposal would need to pass the tests in the Conservation Regulations (previously: Habitats Regulations).</p> <p>This site is in the AONB but the recently adopted Minerals Core Strategy allows for extraction of ball clay at an appropriate scale due to its rare occurrence.</p> <p>This site is considered to be visually relatively remote and inaccessible despite being adjacent to open access land. On landscape grounds therefore the site might provide an opportunity for extraction. Consideration will be given to extraction on the site in the context of all other issues, particularly impacts on biodiversity.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Restoration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern that restoration to heathland will be difficult to achieve.</li> <li>▪ Land currently in agricultural use and should be returned to viable agricultural land rather than lost to nature conservation.</li> </ul>	<p>The adopted Minerals Strategy sets out policies relating to restoration as well as general development management policies which cover the identified issues. It will be a matter for the planning application stage to consider suitable conditions relating to detailed restoration programmes.</p> <p>At this stage site proposers have been contacted requesting further information about their sites which will inform our understanding of restoration issues and the MPA will also liaise with relevant experts such as Natural England and the Environment Agency.</p>	<p>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>

	This information will form part of the overall assessment of the suitability of the site to go forward in the site selection process.	
<b>Historic Environment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further Archaeological assessment is required to determine the adverse impact on ancient monuments.</li> </ul>	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.	These matters will be considered in further detail.
<b>Highways:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damage to the local road surface from quarry vehicles</li> </ul>	<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>	These matters will be considered in further detail.
<b>Social Issues</b>		
<b>Amenity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact on the community, particularly from lorry movements.</li> </ul>	<p>If this development were to be allocated and permitted, planning conditions attached to any planning consent can 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.</p> <p>Properties in Stoborough and Stoborough Green would be impacted by lorry movements, however given that this proposal is for an extension to an existing operation there would not be an intensification of vehicle movements.</p>	These matters will be considered in further detail.
<b>Recreation:</b> Adverse impacts to public bridleways	Should the site be considered for inclusion in the plan the MPA would need to take account of recreation opportunities which might be secured both during extraction and post-restoration.	These matters will be considered in further detail.