

Site Name & Reference**BS05 Whithill Quarry, near Longburton****Brief Summary of Proposal**

Extraction of 10,000 tonnes of building stone (limestone) over a period of 10 years.

Total number of Representations received : **9**Number of Representors : **8**Natural England : **No**English Heritage : **Yes**Environment Agency **Yes**Local Nature Partnership : **No**Local Enterprise Partnership : **No**Parish Council (Lillington) : **No**District Council (West Dorset & Weymouth
and Portland Councils) : **No****Other bodies making comments included:**

CPRE

RSPB

Cam Vale Parish Council

Sherborne Town Council

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

Summary of Issue	Officer Initial Response	Actions & Further Information Requirements
General Issues		
Quarry working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns regarding the means by which cattle would be moved between fields if this site was quarried: across fields or along the lane? ▪ Clarification required about annual tonnages to be extracted. ▪ How would the site be backfilled: insufficient material would be available from the site itself. 	<p>The Mineral Planning Authority has a duty to make provision for an adequate supply of aggregates to support the economy and meet the need for aggregates. The overall aggregates requirement is set out in the newly adopted Minerals Strategy and the allocation of sites will need to ensure that this need can be met. The MPA will carry out further work to assess how many sites will be needed over the plan period (having regard to likely workable reserves) and will take this into account when assessing the suitability of the nominated sites.</p> <p>Detail regarding restoration of the site will be provided at a later stage.</p>	<p>The MPA will carry out further technical work on the overall need and potential supply of aggregates needed over the plan period.</p>

Environmental Issues		
<p>Hydrology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern regarding potential flooding along Gordon’s Lane if this site were to be quarried due to the increase in size. 	<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>Restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns as to whether the land would be returned to agriculture: more detail requested. ▪ Agricultural led restoration should ensure biodiversity enhancement of the land. 	<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. 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. This information will form part of the overall assessment of the suitability of the site to go forward in the site selection process.</p>	<p>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>
<p>Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential conflict with traffic if cattle were forced along the lane due to lack of access across the field once extraction was taking place. ▪ Large vehicles using this lane would be detrimental to all other road users. ▪ Concern regarding dirt and debris build up from quarrying activity. ▪ Quarrying would cause damage to road surfaces. 	<p>The Highway Authority, which considers matters of highway safety, is consulted at every stage in the plan’s preparation. 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>Environmental Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Wildlife site is adjacent to this nominated site and needs consideration. ▪ Detrimental Impact to Honeycomb Wood Ancient Woodland SNCI – full assessment needed to ensure retention of biodiversity interest. 	<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>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p>Historic Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full archaeological assessment required. 	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies, which includes a full</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

	archaeological assessment of the impact from any development on the archaeological sites.	
Social Issues		
Amenity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quarrying activity would create an adverse impact on the quiet village of Lillington. ▪ Noise from quarrying activity would be disruptive to residents. 	<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>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
Economic Issues		
None identified.		