

Site Name & Reference**PS02 Perryfield Gap****Brief Summary of Proposal**

Extraction of approximately 20,000 tonnes of Portland Dimension Stone over a period yet to be determined

Total number of Representations received: **9**Number of Representors: **9****Were comments received from the following consultees?**Natural England **Yes**Local Nature Partnership **No**Town Council (Portland) : **No**English Heritage **Yes**Local Enterprise Partnership **No**

District Council (West Dorset and Weymouth

Environment Agency **Yes**& Portland Councils) : **Yes****Other bodies making comments included:**

CPRE

Dorset Wildlife Trust

RSPB

Petitions – None 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
Environmental Issues		
Environmental Impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Biodiversity enhancements are expected for stone extraction sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies 	These matters will be considered in further detail.
Hydrology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wetland restoration opportunities should be maximised. Water Framework Assessments (WFD) should be undertaken, which will contribute to the relevant River Basin Plan objectives; and Proposals should maximise the overall wetland gains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. 	These matters will be considered in further detail.

<p>Historic Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great care must to be taken to establish how the significance of the heritage assets affected may be conserved in accordance with national planning policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p>Restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that limestone grassland creation is incorporated into this site's afteruse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>
<p>Social Issues</p>		
<p>Amenity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current extraction operations in this area cause much noise, vibration (from blasting) and disturbance to local residents. Extraction in this area will exacerbate this. Mining of Portland Stone is welcomed in preference to open cast quarrying, due to the residential disturbance from the above-ground quarry operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concerns of residents regarding open cast quarrying on the island are understood. Before any permissions were granted, the Mineral Planning Authority would need to be satisfied that adverse impacts caused to residents or the environment will be avoided or adequately mitigated to an acceptable level. The site proposers will be expected to make available sufficient evidence by way of assessment studies. The Mineral Planning Authority has a statutory duty to make provision for an adequate level of stone supply. Minerals also play an important economic role, being essential for the construction industry. Portland Stone working is important to the area, and is an intrinsic part of the Island's character. However, a balance needs to be drawn between amenity issues and stone working; these are important considerations in any 	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

planning application.

Economic Issues

- None identified.