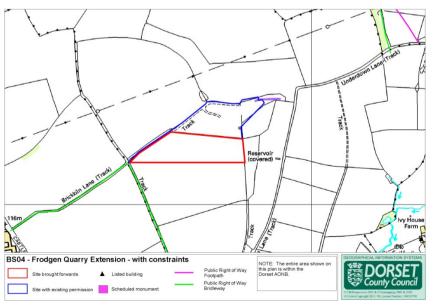
| Site Information | |
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| Site Location | Land to the north-east of Sherborne |
| Grid Reference | ST649183 |
| Administrative Area | West Dorset District Council |
| Parish | Castleton CP |
| Site Nominee(s) | SherborneCastle Estates |
| Agent | Land & Mineral Management Ltd |
| Proposed development | Building Stone extraction |
| Site Area | 3ha |
| Estimated annual output (tpa) | 2500 tonnes building stone 1000tonne agricultural aggregate |
| Estimated reserve | 100,000 tonnes (approx) |
| Expected life of operation | 40-50years |
| Existing land use | Agriculture |
| Landscape character type | ТВС |
| Proposed Restoration | Frogden Agriculture |
| Access | Existing access off Brick Lane, Sherborne |
| Estimated Traffic Movements | As current |





| Biodiversity. | |
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| Criterion CI - Impact on European/international designations. | D |
| No comment. | |
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| Criterion C2 - Impact on areas used by Annex I bird species. | D |
| No comment. | |
| Dorset County Council 25.10.13 | |
| Criterion C3 - Impact on national designations. | D |
| No comment. | |
| Dorset County Council 25.10.13 | |
| Criterion C4 - Impact on protected species. | D |
| No comment. | |
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| Criterion C5 - Impact on local recognitions/designations, including ancient woodland and veteran trees. | D |
| No comment. | |

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Geodiversity

Criterion C6 - Impact on geodiversity.

Ε

The inferior Oolite is the subject of ongoing palaeontological research. The nature of Inferior Oolite stratigraphy, and of the palaeontological interest, means that any opportunity to study fresh sites and exposures are potentially of great value. Access must be provided to researchers and specifically Inferior Oolite expert Robert Chandler (contact details available on request) with the assumption that important specimens will be retained for research purposes.

At the point of restoration the retention of geological exposures may be desirable and this must be planned for.

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Landscape

Criterion C7 - Impact on designated landscapes.

D

Less significant adverse impact

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Criterion C8 - What is landscape capacity to accommodate proposed development.

C

Potential to impact on the amenity of users of the adjacent footpaths but apart from that the landscape and visual impacts will be limited. However it is important to minimise the scale of development and recommend short campaigns and progressive restoration. Stockpiles and other infrastructure must not be placed on skyline which must be protected.

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Criterion C9 -Impact on historic landscapes.

5

D

I am not aware that the location has any particular historic significance, although it might form part of the view from locations such as Sherborne New Castle and its grounds. The category here is an estimate.

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Historic Environment

Criterion C10 - Impact on historic buildings.

D

The nearest listed buildings are within a settlement and have a quarried area closer to them than this one. This will therefore have less impact on them than would otherwise be the case.

Assessment grade D: no significant impact.

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Criterion CII - Impact on archaeology.

D

I am not aware of any particular archaeological reason for concern about this site. I estimate the archaeological impact is most likely to be category D

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Water and Flood Management

Criterion C12 -Impact on hydrogeology or groundwater.

В

Site is not within any Source Protection Zone area. Not known whether there are any licensed extraction facilities in the vicinity. Hydrogeological assessment required. Criteria classification 'B' because site is on a Principal Aquifer.

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Criterion C13 - Impact on surface waters.

C

Criteria classification 'C' because there is a watercourse approximately 430m from the site.

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Criterion C14 - Impact on flooding or coastal stability.

D

Site is entirely within FRZ I, no flooding issues.

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Land and Soils

Criterion CI5 - Impact on existing soils or land type (including BMV land).

Soil is good to moderate in quality. Soils will be protected during working and restoration could bring BMV land back into agricultural production.

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Air Quality

Criterion C16 - Impact on AQMAs.

D

No AQMAs will be directly affected.

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Economic development

Criterion C17 - Impact on economic development.

D

Site will have positive benefit during working, contributing to supply of building stone and providing employment. Restoration to agriculture will maintain an on-going positive benefit.

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Human Health and Amenity

Criterion C18 - Impact on Sensitive Human Receptors.

C

D

Closest properties are approximately 430m, to edge of Sherborne. The Gryphon School is also approximately 430m at edge of Sherborne. Blackmarsh Farm to south east is approximately 500+m and Oborne to north/east is approximately 600m. Rising ground screens views of the existing site, rating of D is justifiable, maybe rising to C if impacts can be identified. More assessment may be required.

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Criterion C19 - Impact on existing settlements.

С

D

Sherborne is closest settlement, within 500m. Impacts are expected to be minimal, further assessment may be required. Site traffic will be required to use Castle Town Way, could have an impact on Sherborne, but amount of traffic expected to be low.

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Airport Safety

Criterion C20 - Impact on airport safety

E

Site is approximately 50km from airport.

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Cumulative Impacts

Criterion C21 - Effects on cumulative impacts.

C

Proposal is extension to existing site, no other mineral working proposed or existing in vicinity of site.

The proposal is within 5Km of sites allocated for mixed residential (279 dwellings) and employment development at Barton Farm, Sherborne (Policy SHER1) and for employment development (2.2Ha) at Sherborne Hotel, Sherborne (Policy SHER3) in the Pre -Submission draft West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (June 2012) as amended by Proposed Modifications (June 2013). Traffic arising from the new development will also add to general traffic levels on the A 30. (NB The Barton Farm site does now have planning permission but is retained as an allocation in the Plan.)

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Carbon Emissions

Criterion C22 - Impact on carbon emissions

В

Site will rely on road transport.

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Recreation/Access

Criterion C23 - Impact on recreational land

Site is agricultural land, not used for formal or informal recreation.

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Criterion C24- Impact on public rights of way

С

D

No rights of way cross the site, bridleway touches south western corner. Screening may be necessary.

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Criterion C25 - Are the access proposals acceptable

D

Access will be gained via the existing route along Brick Kiln Lane onto Castle Town Way. From here vehicles can access the strategic network a short distance to the south on the A30. Due to the very low extraction rates, that are not expected to increase above current levels, and the proximity to the strategic network, the site has been given a D rating.

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