

<b>Site Name &amp; Reference</b>	<b>PK02 Blacklands Quarry</b>	
<b>Brief Summary of Proposal</b>	Purbeck limestone extraction – extension to existing site	
Total number of Representations received: <b>7</b>	Number of Supporting Representations: <b>7</b>	
<b>Were comments received from the following consultees?</b>		
Natural England : <b>No</b>	Local Nature Partnership : <b>No</b>	Parish Council(Langton Matravers) : <b>Yes</b>
English Heritage : <b>Yes</b>	Local Enterprise Partnership : <b>No</b>	District Council (Purbeck) : <b>Yes</b>
Environment Agency : <b>Yes</b>		
<b>Other bodies making comments included:</b>	CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)	Worth Matravers Parish Council
Dorset Wildlife Trust		
RSPB		
Dorset AONB		
<b>Petitions</b> – No petition was 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>Environmental Issues</b>		
<b>Restoration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is suggested that restoration should include creation of a pond to support freshwater wildlife.</li> <li>▪ Creation of hibernation roosts suitable for bats within the afteruse sites should also be considered.</li> <li>▪ Inclusion of species-rich grassland in the sites' afteruse alongside existing proposed afteruse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>

<p><b>Environmental Impacts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protection needed for the presence of largest metapopulations of Great Crested Newts in Purbeck in ponds in this area. Likely presence of many nationally scarce invertebrates including beetle and dragonfly species.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>In order to be acceptable, the development proposal would need to pass the tests in the Conservation Regulations (previously: Habitats Regulations).</li> </ul>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Historic Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An archaeological assessment should be undertaken before the effect of the proposal can be fully established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Social Issues</b></p>		
<p><b>Amenity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern that cumulatively, the number of proposed sites for Purbeck Stone extraction on the plateau would create adverse impacts to amenity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An assessment of the cumulative impact of this site and other mineral sites will be an important consideration when decisions are made on which sites to take forward as preferred sites.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

**Economic Issues**

<p><b>Quarrying activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Support for modest proposal in an area of several other quarries.</li></ul>	<p>Purbeck Stone quarrying is an important part of the local economy and cultural heritage of the area. Continued Purbeck Stone production is supported in the Minerals Strategy.</p> <p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies in order to ensure appropriate scale and siting.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p><b>Tourism:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Impact on tourism (cumulatively with other proposals).</li></ul>	<p>It is noted that the area is important for tourism. However, the cultural heritage and economic contribution of Purbeck Stone working, which can only take place in this location, is also important. Any adverse impact on tourism would need to be balanced with the need for mineral.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>