

Site Name & Reference**MSP AS08: Horton Heath/Clump Hill****Brief Summary of Proposal:**Total number of Representations received : **74**Number of Representors : **60****Were comments received from the following consultees?**Natural England: **Yes**Local Nature Partnership: **Yes**Parish Council (Woodlands CP/Horton) : **No**English Heritage **Yes**Local Enterprise Partnership: **No**

District Council: (Christchurch & East Dorset

Environment Agency **Yes**Councils) - **No****Other bodies making comments included:**

CPRE

British Horse Society

East Dorset Community Partnership

Dorset Rough Riders Mountain Bike club

Highways Agency

Petitions – No petition was received to this site nomination**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		
Consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General concern was expressed by residents that the means of consultation was not sufficiently widespread to allow residents a full understanding of the issues/sites nominated. ▪ Information relating to the consultation has been made difficult to obtain by the public. ▪ The means to comment is obscure and difficult to access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is accepted that people have raised concerns that the consultation could have better publicised the sites for local people. Future consultation can include greater levels of details and enhanced notification procedures for those sites which are proposed in the plan. ▪ A variety of means to comment on the plan are offered; such as the on-line portal, email, letter, representation forms (available from local parish and district council offices; downloadable from the website or requested by phone). The details relating to making comments is provided on our website and in other publication material. 	<p>The MPA will increase the level of consultation about proposed sites at the next consultation stage, through the use of site notices and direct neighbour notifications.</p>
Environmental Issues		

<p>Hydrology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All surveys relating to hydrology, wetland restoration and to enhancing ecological conditions of the site post-extraction should be carefully considered. ▪ Possible disturbance to the water tables from quarrying: increase the wetness of the land. ▪ Surface water flooding may increase acid water to the river Crane and risk ecological damage to the chalk stream. ▪ Drainage issues would affect River Crane SSSI. ▪ Extraction site would be located on a hill and increase flooding. ▪ Part of Redmans Hill and Horton Common are SSSI, as is the river Crane that will be affected by drainage changes. The drainage of the land is critical with water running down both bridleways and through the middle of Oakfield Farm and joining the river crane from there. ▪ Cumulative impacts in relation to development in the SSSI river catchments in the Christchurch/East Dorset areas. 	<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>Ensure surveys are programmed in by site promoter. These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p>Environmental Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site is coincident with SNCI and SSSI – this should have been considered due to potential damage to the area from quarrying. ▪ Quarry is in the green belt and adjacent to a SSSI and residential housing. ▪ Impact to AONB from site security lighting : light pollution. ▪ Land at Horton Common from Redmans Hill to the Horton Road is subject to a Court Order by which the owner was required to reinstate it as heathland. ▪ The land is used for agriculture and nature conservation, hence mineral extraction could have a significant environmental impact. ▪ The Council has a responsibility to ensure Dorset’s special environment is protected. Development on 	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies.</p> <p>It may be possible to avoid detrimental effects on the designated sites through an appropriate stand-off from the development, but this may need to be determined in combination with other natural environment bodies.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

<p>this site would be contrary to this principle.</p>		
<p>Ecology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Widespread existence of reptiles (heathland invertebrates) and European protected species (Dartford Warbler, Nightjar) on the site which would be lost if quarrying began here. ▪ Further assessment, eg. field survey, is required as are appropriate mitigation measures. ▪ Ladybird spider exists in this heathland area, with SPA, SAC, Ramsar and SSSI designations on the land. ▪ Importance of Conifer Plantations for protected species through their exploitation of rotational felling and replanting. ▪ The eastern of the two areas put forward raises some Habitats Regulations issues that need to be considered. Quarrying would increase air pollution for the delicate ecosystems in the area. ▪ Very difficult to adequately avoid or mitigate the impacts with nature conservation on this site. ▪ Heathland habitats need protecting: it provides a stepping stone for species between nationally and internationally-designated wildlife sites, with the SNCI area acting as a buffer and stepping stone for species between nationally and internationally-designated wildlife sites, It is imperative that full surveys of the site are undertaken before further decisions are made as to the suitability of the site for extraction. ▪ The development would result in destruction/displacement of habitats, including scrubland and lakes, and important wildlife, such as different species of deer, badgers, foxes and numerous birds. ▪ The site provides an important habitat for butterflies, which could be impacted by the development. ▪ Heathland issues: the Bern Convention recommendation 67 requires that no new roads 	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies.</p> <p>The site is not a European habitat; however, the particular presence of legally protected species will need to be considered, having regard to European and national legislation.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

<p>should be built on or near heathland. This site would contravene that requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development of the site would displace recreational access onto the sensitive heathland. ▪ A full survey of the SNCI and the remainder of this site should be undertaken to establish whether important priority habitat indicators exist. ▪ Impact from additional recreation to Annex 1 birds. 		
<p>Restoration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lack of detail relating to restoration proposals. ▪ Results of 1985 Public Inquiry noted that ‘the land should be restored to heathland’ but it was never done. The Site Assessment states that restoration to lowland heathland would support Annex 1 birds ▪ No guarantees are provided that restoration would take place/the site would be returned to its original state. ▪ There is no guarantee of adequate suitable inert material so this would lead to a protracted restoration period, and potential environmental impacts including water/hydrology. ▪ The land would be irreversibly damaged; no guarantee of restoration. ▪ Concerns were expressed that the site should not be used for future landfill due to environmental implications. 	<p>The adopted Minerals Strategy sets out policies relating to restoration as well as general development management policies which cover the identified issues. 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>The Mineral Sites Plan is only considering mineral extraction. Where fill is used for site restoration the expectation is that this will be inert fill only.</p>	<p>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>
<p>Archaeology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To protect archaeology, the site would need to be reduced in size – would it still be viable? ▪ More work required to prove no harm to SMs would occur. ▪ Important historical context: Duke of Monmouth's trail passes over this land. 	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
Social Issues		
<p>Recreation:</p>	<p>Should the site be considered for inclusion in the plan</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This location comprises large areas of registered common land and open access land, and is crossed by numerous footpaths, bridleways, and cycle routes. If it were to be developed, the present informal recreation here would be displaced. ▪ Bridleways would be affected by quarrying activity: lorries associated with gravel extraction can cause danger to horse riders, and other road traffic would create conflict with equestrians. ▪ Bridleway closure will lead to riding over the SSSI, or onto the major roads causing danger for the riders. ▪ Diversion of these routes is not easy around this site. ▪ 'Riding for the disabled' also use these routes. ▪ Quarrying would cause negative impacts to potential leisure activity at the fishing lakes near Wedge Hill Cottage. 	<p>the MPA would need to take account of recreation opportunities which might be secured both during extraction and post-restoration.</p>	<p>detail.</p>
<p>Amenity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dust would drift to residential areas along prevailing winds. ▪ Local homes will be blighted by noise and additional traffic in the surrounding areas, affecting property values. ▪ Loss of views to the New Forest. ▪ Land too close to local schools which would be affected by the noise and smell from the site. ▪ The cumulative effect of mineral working and the proposed solar farm could affect the rural character of the village. 	<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. 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).</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p>Highway issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lorry junction dangerous at turning to Clump Hill: poor visibility, bad access. Likelihood of accidents and congestion. ▪ Roads unsuitable for HGV traffic. ▪ No information has been provided on estimated trip generation, distribution or assignment. 	<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>
Economic Issues		
<p>Local Economy:</p>	<p>The Mineral Planning Authority has a statutory duty to</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Quarrying activity would affect local businesses and the local economy by removing the quiet area for recreation.▪ The economic and environmental benefits to the local area are significant, due to the huge equestrian industry including livery stables, equine vets, Riding for the Disabled, B&B, equine breeders, retail outlets for equestrians. The loss of these industries would be harmful to the local economy.▪ Extraction companies' financial issues/profits should not override environmental protection.	<p>make provision for an adequate level of aggregate supply and minerals also play an important economic role, being essential for the construction industry. This will also need to be considered when the MPA looks at the overall supply of minerals.</p> <p>Any adverse impact on tourism would need to be balanced with the need for aggregate.</p>	<p>detail.</p>
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