

## **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan Examination**

### **AS12 Philliols Farm**

#### **Reference No 102**

It has not been made clear to the Environment Agency that the ephemeral pond is entirely surrounded by the proposed mineral extraction site, constituting a substantial risk to altering the habitat of the fairy shrimp.

Sufficient assessments have not been undertaken to prove that the extraction of gravel will not have a detrimental effect upon the ephemeral pond, Philliols Coppice, Bere Stream SSSI and the Rivers Piddle and Frome.

The dwellings and farm buildings would be left on a raised island, completely changing the character of the landscape, with its ancient woodland and hedgerows. The nature of this small valley could not be preserved and maintained.

The impact of using Wareham Forest as access to the site could not be mitigated, as traffic would be introduced where previously there has been none.

#### **Reference 103**

The mitigating factors on this site have not been adequately considered prior to including Philliols Farm in the MSP. Introducing a new site represents an overload of mineral extraction within this locality. The costs involved in the large numbers of factors needing mitigation will reduce the yield and profitability to the extent that the benefits are far outweighed by the damage done to the quality of life for residents, loss of access to leisure areas, damage to habitats and environment and destruction of the natural character of the landscape .

#### **Reference No 104**

Residential properties are not only within the site but will be completely surrounded by it as the site progresses, eventually leaving buildings raised with land falling away on all sides.

#### **Reference 105**

It is inconceivable that there will be no detrimental effect upon fairy shrimp, white-clawed crayfish, dormouse, sand lizard and other protected species if this site is included in the Mineral Plan.

#### **Reference 106**

Any changes to hydrogeology would be bound to have an impact locally and possibly further afield , as the site is situated between two delicate environments, that of the River Piddle and Bere Stream SSSI.

#### **Reference 107**

Philliols Coppice is directly adjacent to the site as earmarked at present. Leaving sufficient land to preserve the coppice would inevitably reduce the area available for quarrying.

**Reference 108**

The Grade 11 listed buildings would be included on the island of raised land left following mineral extraction. The natural sites of these buildings would be completely altered.

**Reference 109**

Mitigating measures such as leaving sufficient land to protect ancient trees and hedgerows would reduce the area available to extract minerals, thereby reducing the viability of the site.

**Reference 110**

Including this site within the Mineral Strategy Plan will inevitably bring risk to the nature and character of the whole area, including protected species, listed buildings and landscape.

**Reference112**

This site has been included, removed from and included again in the Mineral Strategy Plan since 1996. The original site was expected to yield 1.5 million tonnes of aggregate. Figures were revised to 690,000 tonnes, then changed again to 1.5 million tonnes. The site has changed from the original area, with the most productive part of the site being no longer included in the plan. Land now being considered has poorer yields and yet still the same amount of availability is claimed. These figures and change of site area do not suggest that sound investigations have taken place regarding viability of the site, especially as the site was rejected in 1996 and removed altogether from interim plans. Land yielding less minerals must surely make the site as a whole less viable. The need to protect parts of the site by withdrawing land for mitigation purposes will reduce the viability of the site even further. The loss of access for leisure in Wareham Forest, the damage to protected environments and species, the character changing impact upon the landscape, the loss of amenities for residents and the increase in traffic flow on small, local roads, together with the questionable amount of minerals available makes this site not worthy of inclusion in the Mineral Plan.

**Reference113**

The public has not been provided with any suggestions as to how all the problems associated with this site can be mitigated. It cannot be sound planning to include a site that has so many factors that will need mitigation.

**Reference 114**

The chosen access road crosses an internationally designated site. It is difficult to see how any suggested mitigation can be found that will compensate for the use of Wareham Forest as a road for a hundred movements a day when previously access has been free and unrestricted.

**Reference 115**

The land is farmed at present, with 75% identified as BMV agricultural land. It appears that there is no intention of restoring the land to its previous use, thereby destroying the character of the valley as it is at present.