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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 5 February 2014, Cllr Rickman, the Leader of the Council, in the absence of the Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014.**

Details of the documents the Leader considered are attached.

DECISION:

To agree the response to be made in respect of consultations on the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Sites Plan and the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Issues Paper.

REASON(S):

As set out in the report considered by the Leader

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Leader

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET AND POOLE MINERAL & WASTE PLANS:

New Forest DC response to consultation documents

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Two emerging planning documents have been published for consultation for an eight week period ending on 13 February 2014. The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole **Mineral Sites Plan** and the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole **Waste Plan** Issues Paper.
- 1.2 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan contains a total of 44 sites nominated to the Dorset planning authorities assessed against a range of criteria. The Waste Plan sets out the anticipated needs for waste management facilities in Dorset up to 2030.
- 1.3 Waste Plan Issues Paper – This states that Dorset exports a proportion of its residual waste to Dimmer landfill site in Somerset and “**Blue Haze**” landfill site in Hampshire under contracts which are due to end in 2016 (residual refers to waste that cannot be or is not separated for recycling, composting or treatment). Dorset County Council is working on the assumption that the Blue Haze site will close towards the end of the plan period and movements will cease.
- 1.4 Mineral Sites Plan (Consultation Document) – Along with other proposed sites throughout Dorset this document includes two sites immediately adjacent to the New Forest District / Hampshire boundary. Both are proposed as extensions to existing mineral workings within Hampshire. These are “**Roeshot**” near Burton, and “**Purple Haze (south)**” near Ashley Heath (see maps in Appendix 1). Both sites would be worked for sand and gravel extraction and it is understood that both would be accessed from the Hampshire side. The proposed “Roeshot” site adjoins an extensive proposed minerals site in the Hampshire Minerals Plan, to which this Council did not object in principle, although the Council did comment that a transport assessment is needed to show how any adverse traffic impacts will be dealt with.

2 ISSUES RELATING TO NEW FOREST DISTRICT

- 2.1 The main issues with regard to the impact of these proposals on New Forest District relate to the additional traffic that will be generated. There is also an issue regarding the need to ensure that the minerals extraction proposals at Roeshot (including the Hampshire site) are compatible with the proposed Site of Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANGS) that is needed to mitigate the development of 800-900 dwellings proposed adjoining the site south of the railway.
- 2.2 Transport comments for Roeshot (Site AS13) – it appears this site is to be accessed via the A35 (in Hampshire) and as such will have some impact in New Forest District. Development proposals in Christchurch and East Dorset must not result in unacceptable conditions on the transport network in New Forest District and so background assessment work should be undertaken to determine what adverse impacts there will be on roads in New Forest District and require appropriate measures to mitigate impacts as part of any development permitted. This assessment will need address also the impacts of the traffic generated by the adjacent minerals site in Hampshire and of the proposed site for 800-900 dwellings adjacent to the proposed minerals sites south of the railway. The Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan states (paragraph 6.49) that the Council will continue to work closely with

Dorset and Hampshire County Councils and the land owner regarding potential minerals extraction and to ensure appropriate contributions are made by the minerals developer for improvements required on the road network in Dorset. This should also refer to any improvements required in Hampshire.

- 2.3 Transport comments for Purple Haze South (Site AS24) – the initial assessment states that there should be a Transport Assessment undertaken to consider “the movements of HGVs leaving and arriving at the site and any interaction with mineral sites over the border in Hampshire” – again there should be commitments to require measures to address any adverse impacts in Hampshire. The assessment also states traffic movement information is to be confirmed, so this needs to be addressed. If the site is to be accessed via the B3081 it could be assumed that a significant proportion of the generated traffic will travel along the A31 near Ringwood which is often heavily congested. Any proposal for a site at this location would need to assess the impacts of additional traffic and consider mitigation measures to alleviate added congestion before the site is allocated.
- 2.4 In addition the B3081 has a history of accidents with a cluster of incidents at the Baker’s Hanging junction so consideration of the impacts of this proposal given recent accidents should also be assessed. As with the Roeshot site, proposals in Christchurch and East Dorset must not result in unacceptable conditions on the transport network in New Forest District. Background assessment work should be undertaken to prove that proposals will address any transport issues on the New Forest District area.

Comments on mitigation for European nature conservation sites:

- 2.5 The proposed minerals sites north of the railway at Roeshot (in both Hampshire and Dorset) adjoin the planned Christchurch urban extension (a development of 800-900 dwellings) between the railway and the Christchurch bypass. Land in the vicinity of Roeshot Hill north of the railway – i.e. in the same locality as the proposed minerals sites - has been identified in the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan as providing the Sites of Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANGS) required to mitigate the impact on European sites of the. At the recent New Forest District Local Plan Examination, agents acting for the promoters of the Christchurch extension made it clear that they see the associated SANGS as extending into New Forest District. This Council has not expressed any objection in principle to this.
- 2.6 The Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan states (paragraph 6.49) that Christchurch Borough Council will work with Dorset and Hampshire County Councils and the land owner to ensure that minerals working does not prejudice the delivery of a high quality development at Roeshot Hill and functional SANGS provision north of the railway line. More specifically, paragraph 6.53 states that the SANGS serving the urban extension will need to be in place prior to the Christchurch urban extension.
- 2.7 There are concerns relating to the compatibility of the SANGS proposals with the minerals extraction and ensuring that SANGS mitigation is put in place before the Roeshot Hill development comes forward. Christchurch and Dorset Councils must be satisfied that the SANGS proposals are not prejudiced by the minerals extraction proposals. Statements of Common Ground have been signed between the New Forest authorities and Meyrick Estate Management Ltd (September 20013) in relation to SANGS principles; however, the phasing and integration of SANGS land and mineral extraction / restoration has not been agreed.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The potential impacts with regard to New Forest District relate principally to additional traffic and the SANGS requirements and are addressed above.

5 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is RECOMMENDED that Dorset County Council be informed that New Forest District Council:
- a.) Supports the assumption made with regard to the anticipated closure of the Blue Haze landfill site towards the end of the plan period;
 - b.) Emphasises that the proposals at Purple Haze and Roeshot must be subject to adequate Transport Assessment work in relation to transport impacts in Hampshire and that the need to collect developer contributions for transport mitigation in Hampshire must be specifically referred to in the plan;
 - c.) Is concerned about the potential conflict between provision of SANGS for the Christchurch urban extension and the proposals for further sand & gravel extraction in this area and urges that this issue be satisfactorily addressed in the Minerals Sites Plan.

7 PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

I have agreed to the recommendations of this report.

Signed: Cllr Barry Rickman
Leader of the Council

Date: 5 February 2014

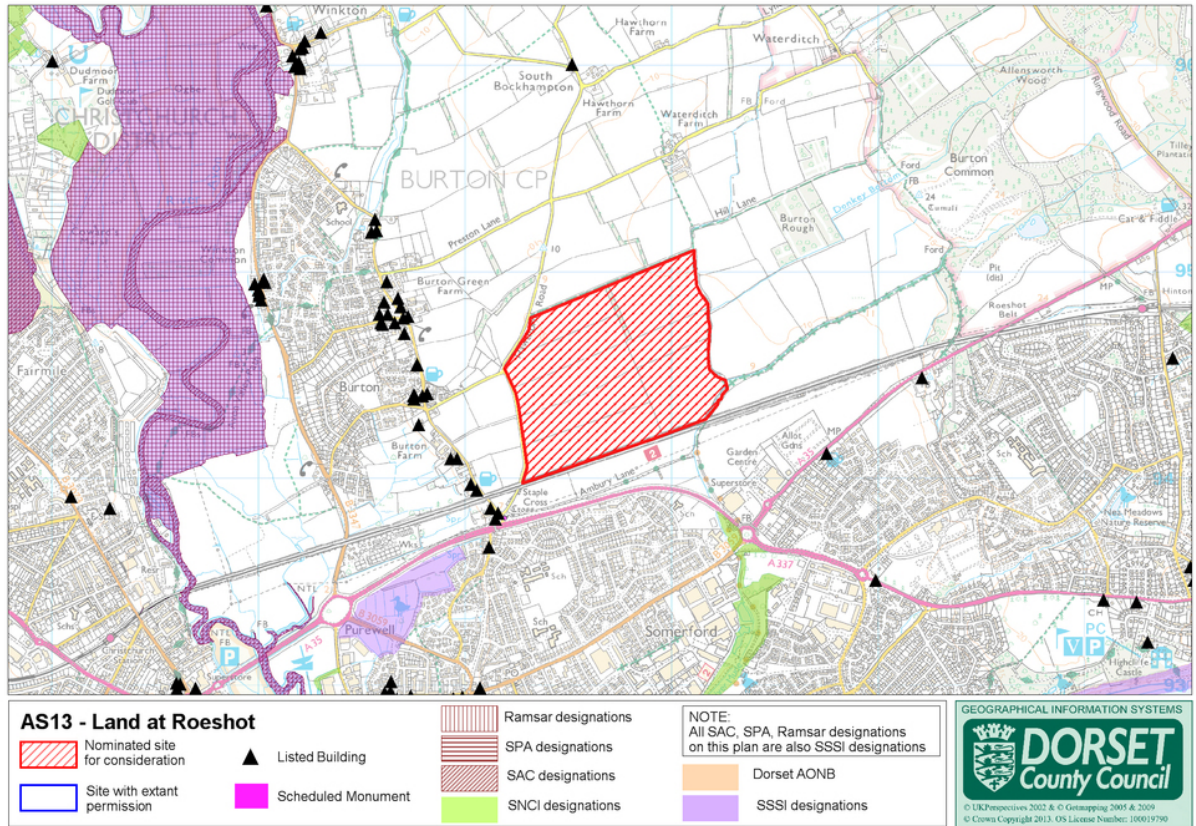
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Date on which notice given of this Decision - 5 February 2014

Last date for call-in - 12 February 2014

Appendix 1

Roeshot site (Consultation Document map)



Purple Haze site (Consultation Document map)

