

**Application Number:** 15/10539 Minerals (County Matter)

**Site:** Land at Bleak Hill, Somerley, ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY

**Development:** Variation of Conditions 1, 10, 12 & 19 of planning permission 14/10309 to revise the working and restoration schemes at 1 and II Quarry, Somerley

**Applicant:** Cemex UK Operations

**Target Date:** 11/06/2015

**1 REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

Discretion of the Head of Planning and Transportation.

**2 DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS**

Countryside outside the New Forest

**3 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

**Core Strategy**

Objectives

7. The countryside

Policies

CS1: Sustainable development principles

CS2: Design quality

CS3: Protecting and enhancing our special environment (Heritage and Nature Conservation)

**Local Plan Part 2 Sites and Development Management Development Plan Document**

DM2: Nature conservation, biodiversity and geodiversity

**4 RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENT ADVICE**

Section 38 Development Plan

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

National Planning Policy Framework

Achieving Sustainable Development

NPPF Ch. 11 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment

NPPF Ch. 13 - Facilitating the sustainable use of minerals

**5 RELEVANT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE AND DOCUMENTS**

None relevant

## **6 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY**

- 6.1 03/78402 - review of minerals planning permissions, application for determination of conditions. Granted by County 6.8.03
- 6.2 09/94574 - retention of the existing aggregate processing plant - condition 46 of 78402 and application to vary condition 5 of 78402. Granted by County 15.10.10
- 6.3 14/10309 - variation of condition 4 of 94574 to allow 24 hour operation of generator for dewatering pump. Granted by County 16.6.14

## **7 PARISH / TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council - due May 27th

## **8 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS**

None received

## **9 CONSULTEE COMMENTS**

None

## **10 REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED**

None

## **11 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **12 LOCAL FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

Local financial considerations are not material to the decision on this application.

## **13 WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT/AGENT**

In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Article 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, New Forest District Council take a positive and proactive approach, seeking solutions to any problems arising in the handling of development proposals so as to achieve, whenever possible, a positive outcome.

This is achieved by

- Strongly encouraging those proposing development to use the very thorough pre application advice service the Council provides.
- Working together with applicants/agents to ensure planning applications are registered as expeditiously as possible.
- Advising agents/applicants early on in the processing of an application (through the release of a Parish Briefing Note) as to the key issues relevant to the application.
- Updating applicants/agents of issues that arise in the processing of their applications through the availability of comments received on the web or by direct contact when relevant.

- Working together with applicants/agents to closely manage the planning application process to allow an opportunity to negotiate and accept amendments on applications (particularly those that best support the Core Strategy Objectives) when this can be done without compromising government performance requirements.
- Advising applicants/agents as soon as possible as to concerns that cannot be dealt with during the processing of an application allowing for a timely withdrawal and re-submission or decision based on the scheme as originally submitted if this is what the applicant/agent requires.
- When necessary discussing with applicants/agents proposed conditions especially those that would restrict the use of commercial properties or land when this can be done without compromising government performance requirements.

The application is a County Matter and any negotiation would be undertaken by Hampshire County Council.

#### **14 ASSESSMENT**

- 14.1 The site lies within the countryside outside the New Forest close to the Ringwood Forest and Home Wood Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. It forms part of a wider area used for the extraction of minerals. The proposal entails the variation of several conditions which relates to the time limit and restoration programme (1), the working scheme (10), site margins (12) and levels (19).
- 14.2 The proposed changes to these conditions are not significant and have been proposed due to the nature of the material and final levels being higher than expected. Overall, the proposed changes would create an additional 7ha of UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitats and a 48% increase in new hedgerows over and above the approved scheme. The timing of the proposed works is not proposed to change.
- 14.3 Given the improvements to biodiversity, it is recommended that this authority does not raise any objection to the proposal.

#### **15. RECOMMENDATION**

##### **Raise No Objection**

##### **Notes for inclusion on certificate:**

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##### **Further Information:**

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