

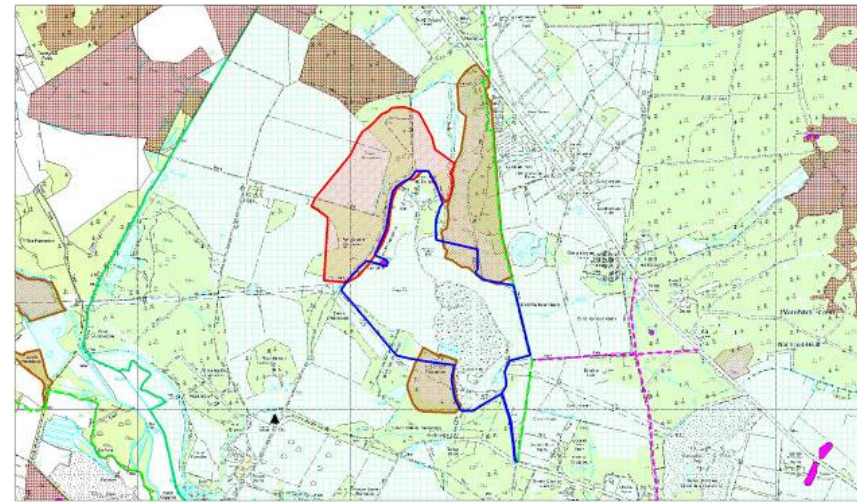
Site Assessment Pro Forma: Trigon Hill Extension BC04

Site Information	
Site Location	Trigon Hill, land ~2.5km north west of Wareham
Grid Reference	SY 891 899
Administrative Area	Purbeck District Council
Parish	Wareham St Martin CP
Site Nominee(s)	Imerys Minerals Limited
Agent	None
Proposed development	Ball clay extraction
Site Area	27ha
Estimated annual output (tpa)	131,000
Estimated reserve	440,000 tonnes
Expected life of operation	3-4years
Existing land use	Agriculture/Forestry
Landscape character type	Heath Forest Mosaic
Proposed Restoration	Agriculture/Nature Conservation
Access	Via local road network – off Wareham Forest road
Estimated Traffic Movements	Approximately 55 per day



BC04 - Trigon Hill - Aerial view

Existing site with planning permission
 Site brought forward



BC04 - Trigon Hill - with constraints

Site brought forwards
 Rambar designations
 Public Right of Way Footpath

Site with permission
 SPA designations
 Public Right of Way Bridleway

SNCI designations
 SAC designations
 Scheduled Monument

Listed building
 Green Belt

NOTE: All SAC, SPA and Ramsar designations shown on this plan are also SSSI designations.



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Biodiversity.

Criterion C1 - Impact on European/international designations.

A

Proposed area lies just to the south of an area of European heathland. At this stage, without detailed analysis of possible impacts, it is not clear whether there would be any likely significant effect of mineral working on the designated area. In order to be acceptable the development proposal would have to pass the tests in the Habitats Regulations. In principle it should be possible to avoid effects on the designated sites through an appropriate stand-off from the development.

Dorset County Council 25.10.13

Criterion C2 - Impact on areas used by Annex I bird species.

A

Area could support Annex I birds as part of the existing forestry crop rotation. Clearance of trees would be likely to result in heathland regeneration and the open habitat would rapidly become suitable for more Annex I birds. The site has the potential to be included in a revision to the heathland SPA boundary. Risk based approach essential here.

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Criterion C3 - Impact on national designations.

A

Proposed area lies just to the south of an area of Morden Bog and Hyde Heath SSSI. At this stage, without detailed analysis of possible impacts, it is not clear whether there would be any likely significant effect of mineral working on the designated area.. In principle it should be possible to avoid effects on the designated sites through an appropriate stand-off from the development.

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Criterion C4 - Impact on protected species.

A

There are numerous bat records from Trigon Hill Plantation suggesting the plantation or trees in the area may provide important roosting habitats; assessment will be required to understand the implications of removal of the plantation on bats. A large badger sett is also known in the plantation and the effects of working on this species would also require assessment. It is difficult to assess whether mitigation on bats or badger would be acceptable without detailed study on population sizes and locations.

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Criterion C5 - Impact on local recognitions/designations, including ancient woodland and veteran trees.

D

No comment.

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Geodiversity

Criterion C6 - Impact on geodiversity.	D
No specific scientific gains or geodiversity enhancements are likely but the exposures may be of interest to the quaternary and tertiary research associations. Provision should be made so that it will be possible to arrange such visits on request.	
Dorset County Council 24.10.2013	

Landscape

Criterion C7 – Impact on designated landscapes.	D
No significant impact/negligible	
Dorset County Council 23 October 2013	

Criterion C8 – What is landscape capacity to accommodate proposed development.	C
The development would be located in the context of the existing adjoining quarry which is a pale scar on the landscape to the east, and would not be a new type of element in the landscape. However, it would entail the removal of an area of prominent elevated woodland and would be exposed to a large area of landscape to the south west, west and north west which is not currently heavily influenced by quarrying; the existing quarry influences land to the south / south east. This would have adverse effects on the character of the Piddle Valley. Landscape capacity to accommodate the proposed use with mitigation is medium.	
Dorset County Council 23 October 2013	

Criterion C9 –Impact on historic landscapes.	C	D	E
Historically much or all of this site would have been heathland. This heathland formed part of the setting of the barrows in the area. Unsympathetic extraction and quarrying could have a negative impact on the setting of these Monuments, but there is the potential for an improvement in that setting through restoration to heathland.			
Dorset County Council 5/11/2013			

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Historic Environment

Criterion C10 – Impact on historic buildings.	D
Belts of trees separate Trigon House, which is the nearest listed building to the site. Therefore the site has negligible impact on the listed buildings. Assessment D – no significant impact.	
Dorset County Council 22/10/2013	

Criterion C11 – Impact on archaeology.	A	→	D
The number of prehistoric barrows in the area in particular indicates that the site has archaeological opinion. Hence, in my opinion, archaeological assessment and evaluation would be required before an informed planning decision could be made. Only when these have been undertaken would the archaeological impact be understood – at present it could be anywhere from category A to category D.			
Dorset County Council 5/11/2013			

Water and Flood Management

Criterion C12 -Impact on hydrogeology or groundwater.	A/B
A/B, depending on hydraulic link to adjacent drains and conservation designations. No impact on SPZs or licensed supply points within 500m.	
Environment Agency 27 February 2013	

Criterion C13 – Impact on surface waters.	A
A. Due to drains within and near the site.	
Environment Agency 27 February 2013	

Criterion C14 - Impact on flooding or coastal stability.	D
Site is entirely in FRZ 1.	
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Land and Soils

Criterion C15 - Impact on existing soils or land type (including BMV land).**D**

Site is poor to very poor agricultural land or forestry.

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Air Quality

Criterion C16 - Impact on AQMAs.**C**

Ball clay traffic travelling west to Devon along the A35 would have some impact on the Chideock AQMA.

Dorset County Council 22 October 2013

Economic development

Criterion C17 - Impact on economic development.**D**

The site is expected to have a positive impact on the provision of mineral (ball clay and aggregate) and can therefore be expected to benefit the local economy, in addition to creating direct employment during the working of the site. Proposed restoration is to heathland/agriculture, both of which offer economic benefits. This site falls somewhere between a 'C' and a 'D' score.

Dorset County Council 22 October 2013

Human Health and Amenity

Criterion C18 - Impact on Sensitive Human Receptors.**D**

Cold Harbour properties some 380 m to the east, other residential uses further to the north. Adequate scope to screen works, using mitigation such as visual and noise attenuation bunds.

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Criterion C19 - Impact on existing settlements.	D
Cold Harbour is closest settlement to the east along with other properties along the C7. Screening will mitigate impacts, but there will be impacts of lorries entering/leaving the site. This is an extension and should not result in intensification of any impacts.	
Dorset County Council 22 October 2013	

Airport Safety

Criterion C20 - Impact on airport safety	E
Site is approximately 23 km from the airport, no bird strike risk expected.	
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Cumulative Impacts

Criterion C21 - Effects on cumulative impacts.	B
Extension of existing site in an area where there is existing and proposed minerals development. There are no sites allocated for major development in the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (adopted Nov 2012) within 5 km of the proposal.	
Dorset County Council 22 October 2013. G Smith 5 November 2013.	

Carbon Emissions

Criterion C22 - Impact on carbon emissions	B
Site will rely on road transport.	
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Recreation/Access

Criterion C23 - Impact on recreational land	D
Site is agricultural land and forestry, private land with no public access. No formal or informal recreational use.	
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Criterion C24- Impact on public rights of way	D
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No rights of way across the site or adjacent to it.

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Criterion C25 - Are the access proposals acceptable	C
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This proposal is for an extension to existing ball clay extraction at Trigon Hill. This is an established site with a good access onto Wareham Forest Road. Access from here to the strategic network is gained via the A35 to the north and the A351 to the east. The extension site could be expected to generate 55 trips per day although it is thought that the site would follow the cessation of other extraction at Trigon rather than operating in parallel to it. The site has therefore been given a C rating. Should the site intensify movements to Trigon Hill any Transport Statement should consider vehicle routing and any impact on the A351 to the east which experiences high levels of congestion.

Dorset County Council 29 October 2013