

Site Name & Reference**PK10 Southard Quarry****Brief Summary of Proposal**

Purbeck limestone extraction – extension to existing site

Total number of Representations received: **7**Number of Representors: **7****Were comments received from the following consultees?**Natural England **No**Local Nature Partnership **No**Town Council (Swanage) : **No**English Heritage **Yes**Local Enterprise Partnership **No**District Council (Purbeck) : **Yes**Environment Agency **Yes****Other bodies making comments included:**

RSPB

Dorset AONB

East Dorset Friends of the Earth

CPRE

Petitions – None received to this site.**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
Environmental Issues		
Environmental Impacts : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presence of largest metapopulations of Great Crested Newts in Purbeck in ponds in this area. Likely presence of many nationally scarce invertebrates including beetle and dragonfly species. ▪ Site is close to the Jurassic Heritage Coast (SAC), the Durlston Country Park and National Nature Reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies. ▪ In order to be acceptable, the development proposal would need to pass the tests in the Conservation Regulations (previously: Habitats Regulations). ▪ The site is relatively close to Durlston National Nature Reserve, however it is an area within an already permitted site. 	These matters will be considered in further detail.

<p>Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposals to maximise the wetland restoration opportunities should be undertaken, such as creation of a pond to support freshwater wildlife. ▪ Creation of hibernation roosts suitable for bats within the afteruse sites should therefore be considered. ▪ Inclusion of species-rich grassland in the sites' afteruse alongside existing proposed afteruse. 	<p>The adopted Minerals Strategy sets out policies relating to restoration as well as general development management policies which cover the identified issues. It will be a matter for the planning application stage to consider suitable conditions relating to detailed restoration programmes.</p> <p>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>Restoration issues will be considered having regard to relevant policies in the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p>
<p>Historic Environment :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An archaeological assessment should be undertaken before the effect of the proposal can be fully established. 	<p>Site proposers have been contacted requesting a broad range of further assessment studies, which includes a full archaeological assessment of the impact from any development on the archaeological sites.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>
<p>Social Issues</p>		
<p>Amenity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cumulative impacts with other proposed sites for Purbeck Stone extraction on the plateau. Adds to the intensity of quarrying in a particularly sensitive area. 	<p>An assessment of the cumulative impact of this site and other mineral sites will be an important consideration when decisions are made on which sites to take forward as preferred sites.</p>	<p>These matters will be considered in further detail.</p>

Economic Issues

Quarry working:

- Support for modest proposal in an area of several other quarries
- Considered that Purbeck Stone extraction should be only for conservation uses as opposed to decorative uses, given the sensitivity of the area in relation to conservation and tourism.

- Purbeck Stone quarrying is an important part of the local economy and cultural heritage of the area. Continued Purbeck Stone production is supported in the Minerals Strategy.
- Whilst the use of Purbeck Stone for restoration of historic buildings and similar is supported, it is not considered appropriate to restrict it to this use only as this would affect the economic viability of the industry.
- The need for the mineral would need to be balanced with the tourism.

These matters will be considered in further detail.

Tourism:

- Impact on tourism (cumulatively with other proposals)

- It is noted that the area is important for tourism. However, the cultural heritage and economic contribution of Purbeck Stone working, which can only take place in this location, is also important and so a balance needs to be drawn between the two.

These matters will be considered in further detail.