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### FoRF Draft Mineral Site Plan Comments now online . . .



Supporters at Ellingham Show 2011

In response to Dorset County Council's (DCC's) Mineral Site Plan consultation, everything possible is being done to get Purple Haze South screened out early on. Please see what we intend to say to DCC in the campaign's DRAFT comments now online at <http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/news.htm>.

DCC asked for information about the mineral sites they are considering . . . they certainly didn't have much published material to begin with about either the site itself or the use made of it by local people & visitors to Moors Valley/Ringwood Forest. Hopefully we have filled in enough gaps for them at the same time as highlighting the risks if they don't say "No!"

**The campaign comments will be submitted to DCC by close of play on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014.** If the DRAFT comments need to be changed for any reason, or you just want to give feedback, please tell us beforehand at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk).

**DCC's consultation closes next week at 4:00 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

**. . . please don't let silence be your consent**

There's concern about how few comments have been submitted about Purple Haze South - [JUST 25](#)

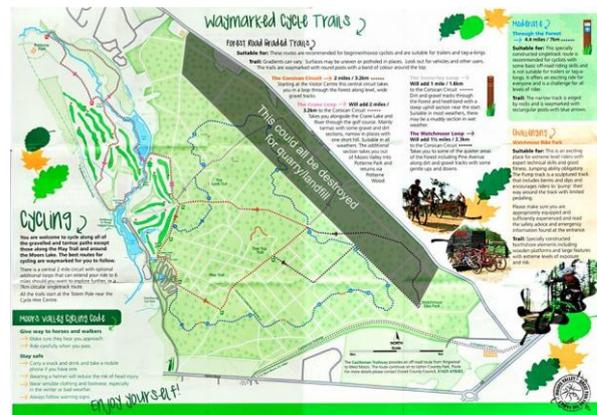
[COMMENTS](#) at 09:45 hrs 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 for a site nomination described as extremely contentious.

The risk from this low number on getting a site screened out is that it could be interpreted as a lack of concern. Community silence will then be conveniently taken as consent . . . this must surely not be allowed to happen for Purple Haze South, and you can help by commenting to DCC.

### Is commenting worth the effort?

It's been said that commenting to DCC is a waste of time & effort because both Hampshire & Dorset will simply ignore public opinion and go ahead anyway with causing further irreversible environmental harm by more quarrying/landfill in Ringwood Forest/Moors Valley. Whilst having every sympathy with that opinion, we cannot agree. There are significant uncertainties which are considered game changers and are yet to be looked at by either Dorset or Hampshire, let alone resolved - see the campaign's draft comments for the detail. All is not yet lost!

We have to believe that together we can make things happen . . . please take 10 minutes NOW to help save a forest and comment to DCC. Thank you.



This map of Moors Valley shows the size of Purple Haze South (Dorset) + North (Hampshire)

### Responding to DCC

**Background** - Dorset County Council (DCC) is considering a large piece of Moors Valley/Ringwood Forest (see above map) as a quarry site for soft sand. This site is adjacent to the Purple Haze North site which Hampshire County Council has already approved as a potential quarry/landfill (subject to planning).



**What's at stake?** If approved, we could see large tracts of unspoilt green space being given over to quarrying, causing long-term disruption to local residents in Verwood, Ashley Heath and the surrounding area, and with no guarantee of adequate restoration afterwards.

**If you don't agree with DCC** - Please help us protect Ringwood Forest & Moors Valley Country Park from being irreversibly damaged and quarried for profit. Formally register your objections and concerns **BEFORE 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013** to protect this important local green space for future generations. It's easy to do and will only take 10 minutes of your time.

### How to comment/object -

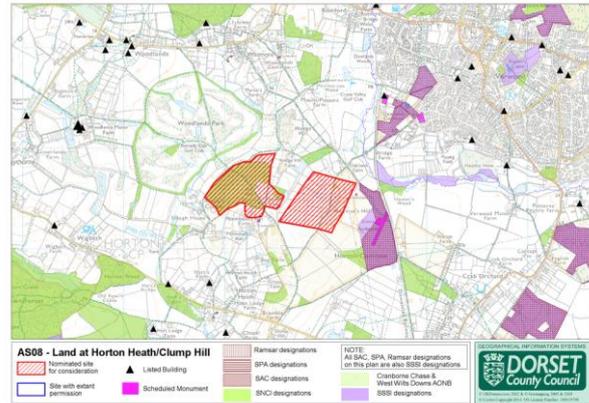
- **Online:** You can object online at [http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/minerals\\_and\\_waste/mineral\\_sites\\_plan](http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/minerals_and_waste/mineral_sites_plan) - it takes a few minutes to register your details and create a profile before you are able to register your comments. You can find the details of the proposed Purple Haze South site in Chapter 3, Sand and Gravel Site Nominations – and it's Site MSP AS24 at the bottom of the page.
- **By email** - DCC has confirmed it is OK to email objections directly to [mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk), include the site name & number, MSP AS24 / Purple Haze (South) and your own name & address.
- **By Post** - There is a form that you can print out and post to DCC instead. [www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=190879&filetype=pdf](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=190879&filetype=pdf) Don't forget to quote Site MSP AS24 on your form and post it before 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**Please also encourage your friends, family and neighbours to comment. 10 minutes of their time is all that's needed to help protect the forest and heathland habitat at Ringwood Forest/Moors Valley.**

And if you're looking for more ideas about what to say, the campaign's draft response is available at <http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/news.htm>

### NEW!! Horton Heath/Clump Hill

Two other mineral sites have been offered to DCC on the outskirts of Verwood - Horton Heath & Clump Hill.



Another two areas where more amenity space will be lost and the environment affected for the worse, unless DCC is informed otherwise.

It's therefore great that concerned supporters are ensuring that people who live locally, those who visit to use the locations for horse riding, cycling, walking, etc. plus the local businesses operating in the area are aware of the nominations and are being actively encouraged to comment to DCC.

To see what DCC says about the sites in their assessment, please go to <http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/file/2759318> and to then submit comments, please go to [http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/minerals\\_and\\_waste/mineral\\_sites\\_plan?tab=files](http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/minerals_and_waste/mineral_sites_plan?tab=files)

Please use your voice to help prevent Verwood from becoming surrounded by holes & rubbish . . . please comment to DCC.

### Dorset Waste Plan Consultation

DCC are also consulting until 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 on their New Waste Plan and are currently seeking views on their recently published Issues Paper. How the Waste Plan evolves will affect all Dorset residents, so if you would like to find out more please go to **New Waste Plan** - <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/waste-plan>.



### Hampshire Planning Consultation on SCI



Hampshire's consultation on their Statement of Community Involvement

(SCI) closes on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

The SCI forms "the basis of the County Council's procedures for community engagement in the preparation of plans or working on planning applications" and has been updated by Hampshire in response to learning gained from their Minerals & Waste Plan consultation.

We've looked at the updated Hampshire SCI and while there are far too many words (aren't there always?) most of the areas we would be concerned about appear to be covered. We will, however, look at the proposals again before the closing date and share any resultant comments with you.

Are your own interests in Hampshire's planning processes going to be covered adequately? To find out more, please go to

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/sci-2.htm>

### Donations: "Thank You"

Many thanks to those who have donated recently to campaign funds to the tune of nearly £100 which will be put to good use. We apologise that Individual acknowledgements have not been sent.

Some donations were made by cash thrust into our pockets at the recent DCC Minerals & Waste event in Verwood. Information about other equally acceptable methods of donating to this worthwhile cause can be found at

[http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Fund\\_Raising.html](http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Fund_Raising.html)

*Your feedback, comments and/or questions will be welcomed by the campaign team – please email us at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk)*