



1 Background

Purple Haze South in Ringwood Forest/Moors Valley is being considered by DCC for mineral extraction (building sand) and inclusion in their Minerals Plan. It is included in DCC's initial public consultation stage which will run until 13th February 2014. For more information about DCC's consultation process please go to <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf>.

Information about the Purple Haze South site was published previously in FoRF Newsletter 28 - see item 3, available online at <http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/Newsletters/Newsletter28.pdf>.

You will find below a number of possible questions for Dorset County Council (DCC) regarding Purple Haze South. They are intended to provoke thoughtful and informed debate during the early stages of the democratic consultation process while DCC considers whether or not to include the site in their Minerals Plan.

Updates to or enquiries about the questions will be welcomed by the Campaign Team, please email us at info@forf.org.uk.

2 Purple Haze South - Questions for DCC

1. Why is the site being considered when a minerals site along the A338 towards Bournemouth has been mothballed due to lack of local demand? Won't that one, rather than Purple Haze South, better help to meet Dorset's needs when it eventually starts operations? If not, why not?
2. Do you believe the site will be needed during the lifetime of the Dorset Minerals Plan if adopted? If so, why? And if there is currently no opinion, how & when will one be established?
3. Who is the operator for Purple Haze South? Will the public be able to engage with them directly to ask them questions about the site design & operation? If so, how and when will that happen?
4. How do you know the minerals are there and are good enough quality for building? Minerals from the same geology layers in Blue Haze were used mostly for filling in other quarry sites and not for building/construction because of their poor quality. If you don't know, how will you find out and when?
5. Why is the exact location of the sand, whether above or below the water table, sensitive to industry? If it's not, why can't we have written confirmation of the borehole evidence?
6. What does Natural England (NE) think about Dorset considering the site? For Purple Haze North (in Hampshire's Minerals & Waste Plan) their support only applies if the minerals are found above the water table and not below. What will Dorset do if the minerals are found to be below the water table and NE can't support development of the site? What would be the fallback plan?
7. What do you know about the hydrology for this site - how water moves through the geology? For example, no mention is made of the possible impact of minerals extraction on Ebblake Bog? Why not? And what will Dorset do to check for, mitigate and then monitor any likely impact?
8. Properties on the Ebblake Development are on the edge of a flood risk area. What will be done to ensure that activities at Purple Haze do not increase the risk of flood damage to nearby properties? And if you don't know whether there could be an impact on properties, how will you find out and



- when?
9. Could more mineral extraction here impact other local river systems where we have noticed increasingly higher water levels over recent years? If you don't know, how will you find out and when?
 10. The site is to be accessed from the working site @ Purple Haze North (Hampshire). What would Dorset's fallback plan be if a planning application for the Hampshire site fails?
 11. Are any complexities or risks foreseen when working a minerals site jointly with another Authority? If so, what mitigation might be put in place to manage them and do you foresee DCC's costs increasing as a consequence?
 12. How will you protect Verwood's mains water supply which runs through the middle of the site? How would any required protection measures be monitored? And if any protection measures fail, what would be the response from Dorset?
 13. How will you estimate the likely traffic impact for the site? If traffic levels during any stage of the site's development seem to be unacceptable, what can the public do after planning permission has been granted? How will traffic impact be monitored and who will be responsible?
 14. What do you think the impact of quarrying/landfill/restoration activities will be on users of Moors Valley/Ringwood Forest? If you don't know, how will you find out? And if that impact is adverse, what mitigation action would be taken and how would it be monitored?
 15. As well as for recreation, people use access through/around the site to travel safely between Verwood and locations south of it to get to school, ride horses, get to work and other similar purposes. How, exactly, will you capture and confirm those needs? How will their needs then be met?
 16. Where do you expect people will go to who currently use Purple Haze South for recreation? Will it put pressure on other nearby open spaces such as the New Forest? And if you don't think it will, why not?
 17. What will be done to identify and protect flora/fauna inhabiting the site? How is that protection going to be monitored? What action would be taken if monitoring provides evidence of an adverse impact on flora/fauna?
 18. It's Dorset policy not to use landfill to fill expired quarries. How will the quarry void be filled to enable restoration of the site after minerals have been extracted?
 19. How will full site restoration be guaranteed? Who will pay for it? How many years do you think it would take before full public access is possible again?

Your updates, feedback, comments and/or questions will be welcomed by the campaign team – please email us at info@forf.org.uk