

Have your say on future quarry sites

Did you know that a new house requires about 60 tonnes of sand and gravel to build? And that the average family indirectly uses a lorry load of sand and gravel every year?

Our built environment is reliant on minerals and the quarries that provide them. Now it's your chance to have a say on where our minerals should come from in the future.

A series of exhibitions being held in November (see box below) will give people a chance to find out more about possible sites for future mineral extraction in Dorset and to voice their opinions.

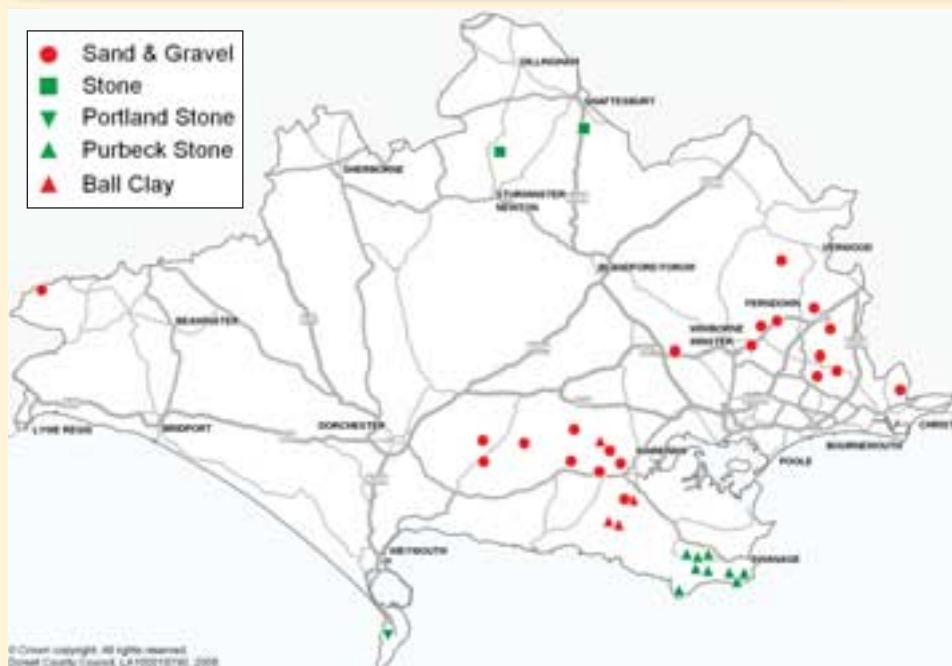
Due to Dorset's diverse geology, there are many types of mineral found locally. These include Portland stone, ball clay and Purbeck building stone found in Purbeck, and sand and gravel found more widely across the county.

Dorset County Council, in partnership with Bournemouth and Poole borough councils, is in the early stages of considering potential new sites for mineral extraction to be included in the minerals site allocations document (MSAD). Before any decisions are made, we want your views on suggested sites, as well as the criteria we use to assess them.

Hilary Cox, county council cabinet member for environment, said: "To maintain and develop Dorset's built environment over the coming years there is a great demand for raw building materials. We need to identify some areas that would be preferable for mineral extraction to support our developing economy over the next 15 years or so, and at this stage we would welcome the public's views and comments."

Members of the public will be able to comment on the discussion paper until 3pm on 12 December.

For more information and to comment online, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf
If you would like to receive our regular newsletter, email mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk



Possible mineral extraction sites around Dorset – have your say on which are the most suitable

FAQs

What is the MSAD?

The minerals site allocations document will identify specific sites for the extraction of minerals within Dorset and will provide planning guidance until 2026.

How can I get involved?

- View the document and complete a questionnaire online via www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf
- View hard copies of the document and complete a questionnaire at County Hall, Dorchester, or at your local library or district/borough council planning departments. Alternatively, contact us if you would like a questionnaire posted to you.
- Come to an exhibition.

What happens next?

We will analyse all comments before subjecting sites to further assessment against a set of criteria. Sites considered suitable will be put into the draft MSAD, on which consultation will take place in summer 2009. Further consultation and submission to the Secretary of State will follow, before adoption of the document during 2011.

Mineral site exhibitions planned

Date	Location
Thursday 6 November 5pm - 8pm	Hurn Bridge Sports Club
Monday 10 November 2pm – 4:30pm	St Mark's Church Hall, West Parley
Thursday 13 November 10am-1:30pm	Wareham Corn Exchange
Monday 17 November 10 am-1pm	Swanage Library
Tuesday 18 November 2pm-4:30pm	Crossways Village Hall
Wednesday 19 November 5pm-8pm	Wareham Corn Exchange
Thursday 20 November 12noon-3pm	St Luke's Church Hall, Burton
Friday 21 November 9am-1:30pm	Wimborne Market
Tuesday 25 November 5pm-8pm	Wimborne Allendale Centre