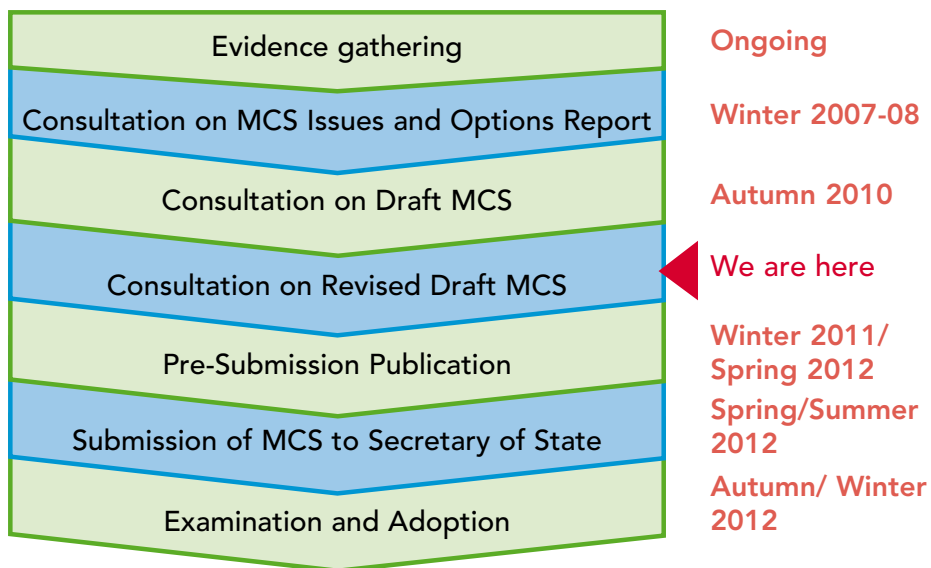


► Minerals Core Strategy Preparation



- John Bennett, who has been the team leader of the Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Team since 2003, is retiring this month. We wish John a happy retirement pursuing his interest in railways.

Mike Garrity will head up a new Planning Policy team.

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The Minerals Core Strategy sets out the strategy for quarrying stone, sand and gravel, ball clay and other minerals across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.

Find out how you can comment on the Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy between 15 July and 9 September.



► Outcomes of past consultations

We consulted on the Draft Minerals Core Strategy (MCS) in autumn 2010. More than 1,000 individual comments were made by organisations and members of the public. You can view the comments made, together with responses from the planning authorities, at www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs. Many thanks to everyone who commented.

► Changes to the Minerals Core Strategy

Some parts of the Draft MCS have been significantly redrafted, including:

- A revised set of key issues reflecting the particular mineral-related, Dorset-specific 'crunch' issues that the strategy needs to address
- A spatial strategy and policies to deal with these issues in relation to aggregates, ball clay and Portland Stone; resource areas; broad areas of search; and areas of opportunity for mining, respectively
- A strengthened evidence base, developed through working closely with the minerals industry and other specialist stakeholders and through a number of specific studies (available at www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs).

As a result of these changes, the Revised Draft MCS is available for your comments – see overleaf for more information.

► Future minerals sites

The Revised Draft MCS sets out resource areas and areas of search for some of the key minerals found in Dorset. Specific sites for future working will be identified in the Minerals Site Allocations Document. Work on this document will start again next year.

Sites identified in the Minerals Site Allocations Document will conform with the principles and site assessment criteria set out in the core strategy.

Get involved

You can have your say on the Revised Draft MCS from

Friday 15 July until 4pm on Friday 9 September 2011.

The document is available at www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs

Here you can read the document or the section you're interested in and make comments online.

The MCS and response forms are also available to view at:

- Dorset County Council (County Hall) environment reception
- Bournemouth Borough Council (Town Hall) planning reception
- Borough of Poole (Civic Centre) planning reception
- Planning receptions of all district and borough councils in Dorset
- Libraries throughout Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole



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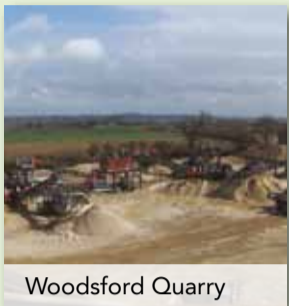
Dorset's Key Mineral Issues

The key proposals of the Minerals Core Strategy (MCS) are shown on the map below - this shows resource areas for sand and gravel and Purbeck Stone, areas of search for ball clay (in the Purbeck area) and the strategy to encourage mining of Portland Stone.

The policies within the MCS will be used to guide minerals development over the next 20 years.

Note: Sites for quarries will be identified within the resource areas and areas of search shown. All sites will be subject to detailed assessment including taking account of ecological designations, landscape, amenity and access considerations. The identification of these areas does not imply that planning permission will be granted.

Sand and gravel



Woodsford Quarry

Continued extraction and supply of sand and gravel is strategically important to the construction industry both in Dorset and beyond.

Did you know? A new house requires about 60 tonnes of sand and gravel to build.

Ball clay

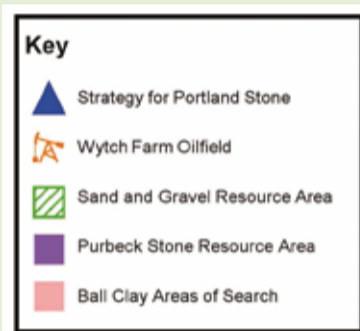


Basin produced using ball clay

Ball clay found in Purbeck is regarded as an industrial mineral of national and international importance because of its special qualities and rare occurrence. It is used primarily in the ceramics industry for the production of sanitary ware, electrical insulators, tableware and wall and floor tiles.

The MCS identifies the areas of sand and gravel resource in Dorset, excluding major constraints such as Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is from these resource areas that future quarry sites will be found to meet demand (subject to detailed assessments).

Did you know? Ball clay has been used by manufacturers of white pottery since the days of the famous 18th century potters such as Wedgwood.



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However, much of the resource is situated within the Dorset AONB and sensitive ecological areas. The MCS identifies two key areas for future extraction balancing the need for ball clay with environmental and amenity protection.

Portland Stone:



Redevelopment of the Queen's Gallery

Quarrying on Portland is a long established industry, with Portland Stone having been used in the construction of some of Britain's most famous landmarks. Locally, regionally and nationally, there is an ongoing demand for Portland Stone for the restoration of historic buildings, new build, masonry and monumental uses.

Did you know? St Paul's Cathedral, the Whitehall Cenotaph and the National Gallery are made of Portland Stone.

The MCS encourages mining as an alternative to surface quarrying of Portland Stone. This aims to minimise impacts on the environment and communities. The revised strategy identifies 'areas of opportunity' for future mining on which we would like your views (please see full document). It also sets out areas within the large existing planning consent where the mineral planning authority would like the industry to give up permission for surface quarrying.

Purbeck Stone:



Purbeck Stone flooring in St Michael's Church, Southampton

Purbeck Stone embellishes English medieval abbeys and cathedrals such as Durham, York, and Salisbury. They, along with many villages and conservation areas in Purbeck, require the continued supply of Purbeck Stone in repair work and for new build in keeping with their character.

Did you know? Purbeck Marble was used in the recent restoration of the Cosmati pavement that lies in front of the high altar in Westminster Abbey.

The continued extraction of this nationally important mineral is supported in the strategy. Maintaining the traditional nature and scale of the industry within Purbeck's distinctive limestone landscape is a key consideration.

You can comment on the Revised Draft MCS from 15 July to 9 September 2011.

Comment now on www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs or call (01305) 228571

Recycled aggregates The strategy aims to facilitate increased production of recycled aggregates in the most suitable locations.

Safeguarding To protect Dorset's important minerals and prevent them from being 'sterilised' - for example, through being covered by buildings - the MCS identifies 'Minerals Safeguarding Areas'.