

Roeshot

Location: North of Highcliffe and the railway line, south of Waterditch and west of Burton Common

Grid reference: SU 187 484

Minerals and Waste Planning Authority: Hampshire County Council

District Authority: New Forest District Council

Parish Authority: Bransgore Parish Council

Area: 87 hectares

Existing land use: Agriculture

Proposed land use: Extraction of sharp sand and gravel

Total mineral resource: 3.0 million tonnes of sharp sand and gravel

Restoration: Restoration will be to agriculture with access and biodiversity elements linking the site to the New Forest National Park

Reason for allocation: The site is considered to be a sustainable option for continuing a local supply of sharp sand and gravel from this part of west Hampshire

Development considerations:

- Protection of the Avon Valley SPA and Ramsar site, the River Avon SAC, the New Forest SAC, SPA and Ramsar*.
- The impact on the offsite foraging and breeding areas of the qualifying bird species of nearby SPA/Ramsars*.
- Protection of Burton Common SSSI.
- The impact on the openness of the South West Hampshire Green Belt and landscape character of the adjacent New Forest National Park.
- Safeguarding public rights of way (byways nos. 736, 737, 734a).
- Protection of the amenity of nearby residential.
- Protection of the water quality and recharge of the underlying aquifers and the surface water including Donkey Bottom and the River Mude*.
- The haul road from the access with the A35 should be upgraded to an appropriate standard and should be designed so as not to compromise the objectives of the New Forest National Park.
- Safe and satisfactory access onto the A35.
- Traffic issues.