

**From:** ACRA (Alliance of Christchurch Residents Associations) representing over 10,000 local homes  
**To:** The Hinton Admiral Estate, by e-mail: roeshot@meyrickestate.com

10<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Sirs

**Roeshot Quarry**

We are an umbrella organisation that represents several local Residents Associations. We have been reading your leaflet "Roeshot Quarry" in which you suggest that you anticipate 60 lorry movements per day entering this site from the A35 and 60 lorry movements per day leaving the site to join the A35.

Could you please tell us:

1. Of the 60 movements per day entering the site, how many will turn right across the A35 to gain access.
2. Of the 60 movements per day leaving the site, how many will turn right across the A35 and head for Fountain Roundabout, Christchurch.
3. Of those that leave the site and turn right across the A35 how many will end up leaving the Christchurch area via the A35 Barrack Road and how many by the B3073 Bargates-Fairmile-Hurn Road route.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,  
Jim Biggin  
Secretary, ACRA

**Reply:**

*Thank you for your enquiry with regards to the Roeshot Quarry. Whilst your questions are very clear, the answer has to be more general as the traffic movements are governed by the day-to-day demand so please treat the figures below as a reasonable guide.*

Q1.	Turn right across A35 to enter quarry	- 10 - 20 movements per day
Q2.	Turn right across A35 to leave quarry	- 40 - 50 movements per day
Q3.	Leaving Fountain Roundabout via Barrack Road	- 24 - 30 movements per day
	Leaving Fountain Roundabout via Fairmile-Hurn	- 16 - 20 movements per day.

Jim comments: 'This amounts to quite a bit of heavy traffic, remembering that "a day" is in reality maybe 10 hours.'

Margaret Phipps is the Dorset County Councillor (DCC) for West Christchurch. Jim emailed her on 6<sup>th</sup> January:

**Subject:** Roeshot Hill Gravel Pit

Hi Margaret

You will have seen the traffic info that ACRA obtained from these developers.

We want to make sure that DCC are alert to this development, planning permission for which we believe will be requested via Hampshire CC. We think DCC should make representation concerning the impact upon the A35 and B3071.

It would also be helpful if we could be alerted when the planning application is lodged so that we ourselves can write to HCC Planning.

Not sure quite who to contact or if you can coordinate for us - please let us know best way to play this.

Cheers  
Jim

**Her reply:** Dear Jim,

I am already aware of this and as you know, there is nothing much we can do until a planning application is lodged. I understand that CBC objected to the development when it was put forward in the Hampshire Minerals Plan (HMP), but the Inspector agreed the site.

I attach a few documents for your records:

The site description from the HMP

A map of the area

The Inspector's Findings, July 2013

The Inspector's findings – paragraph 1.12, says that there is unlikely to be much impact on the A35 and wider network!

I made further enquires recently and was told by a Christchurch Officer that:

Based on the transport assessment which the Hampshire authorities produced at the end of 2011 and prior to the examination, they had identified 100 HGV trips per day from Roeshot (50 in and 50 out each day).

I think the only way to try to mitigate this in some way now, is to make robust representations at the planning application stage, when issues such as traffic routing can be applied as a condition, and also phasing of the extraction can be considered to minimise lorry traffic impact.

I am in contact at DCC with the person who deals with the Dorset Minerals and Waste Plan, and I will ask him who it is best to deal with regarding this Hampshire site. I expect that it will be the DCC planning department. I will investigate and once I find out a bit more I will get back to you.

Kind regards.

Margaret Phipps

The 'person who deals' at DCC is Trevor Badley. He has written to Jim:

Dear Sir,

Councillor Phipps recently informed me that your Residents Association wished to be kept informed of matters regarding possible future minerals development at Roeshot Hill.

I am therefore writing to let you know that Dorset County Council has been consulted by Hampshire County Council over a request for a Scoping Opinion regarding a proposal for minerals extraction at Roeshot, in Hampshire but immediately adjacent to Christchurch. The reference number is SCO/2014/0474 and the deadline for returning comments to Hampshire County Council is 3rd February 2015. This link <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/application-details.htm?id=16271> leads to further information on Hampshire County Council's website.

Please note that this is a consultation regarding a request for a scoping opinion and is not at this stage a planning application. The 'scoping opinion' referred to means that the applicant is preparing to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in support of a planning application for mineral extraction and other development at Roeshot Hill and has asked Hampshire County Council as the relevant Mineral Planning Authority for advice on what should be included in the EIA. Hampshire County Council has in turn consulted Dorset County Council as neighbouring Mineral Planning Authority.

When the actual planning application for Roeshot is received I would expect Hampshire County Council to again consult Dorset County Council and I will try to ensure that you are kept informed. Hampshire County Council should in theory be consulting you directly, as well.

Regards

Trevor Badley

Minerals and Waste Planning Policy

Dorset County Council

Jim has registered with Hampshire CC ACRA as an interested party.