

### 1. Ashley Manor Farm, New Milton

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| Proposal                     | Extraction of four million tonnes of sharp sand and gravel at 200,000 tonnes per annum.  |
| Restoration                  | Regraded to lower than existing level, using imported inert fill, for agriculture, with biodiversity elements and extensions to footpath network.  |
| Consultation                 | Respondents (1976) Representations – Pollution/amenity (2,738); Highways (1,464); Environment (1,325); Landscape/Land Use (846)<br>Amenity impacts: Noise, Dust. Proximity to Homes and Town Centre. Concerns over traffic congestion and additional HGV activity  |
| Technical Issues             | Very visible site from main road. Impact on landscape character nearby homes and sensitive uses. (cemetery and care home) Moderate HGV traffic impact.   |
| Possible Mitigation Measures | Landscaping measures implemented and matured prior to extraction.<br>Western side sterilised by buffer to maintain amenity of sensitive uses resulting in about 20% loss of resource<br>Standard amenity protection measures required  |
| Officer Conclusion           | Adverse impact on the landscape character of the area and even with landscaping – which could take up to ten years to be effective. Adversely change the setting for New Milton and the open aspect of the land as a gateway feature to the town.<br>Appropriate buffering required to protect the amenity of adjacent uses, including the urban areas, care home and cemetery would sterilise a significant part of the resource.<br>If the land was worked simultaneously with Ashley Manor Farm there would be a cumulative impact that would give rise to concerns over the general amenity of the area.<br>Not required to meet the local sand and gravel apportionment for the Forest<br>It is considered that the cumulative impacts are such that adequate mitigation cannot be satisfactorily provided and the need is not demonstrated to overcome the disadvantages.<br>Recommend that the area is not allocated in the Minerals Plan |