

Planning application for mineral extraction at Hamble Airfield

Planning application:
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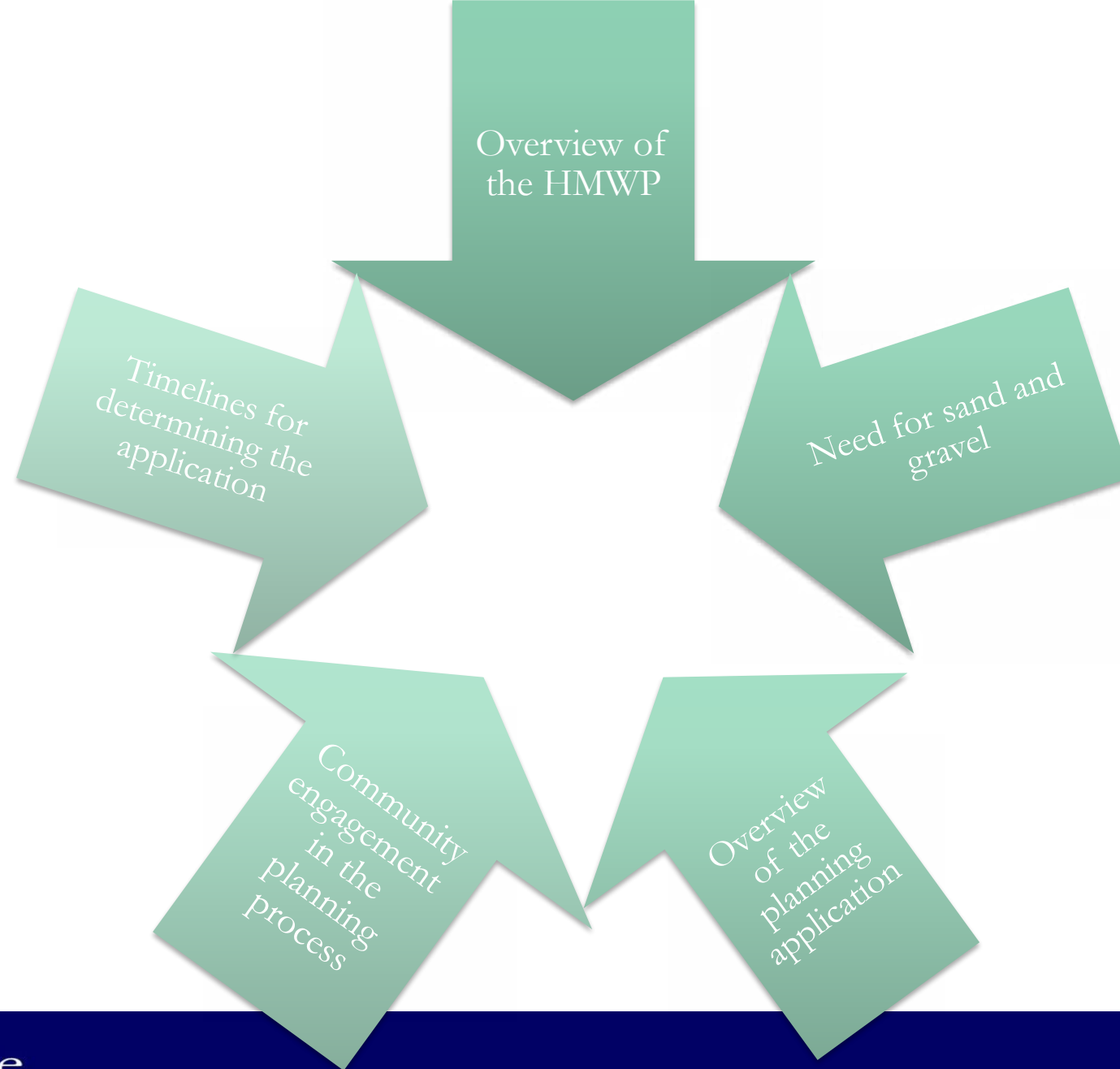


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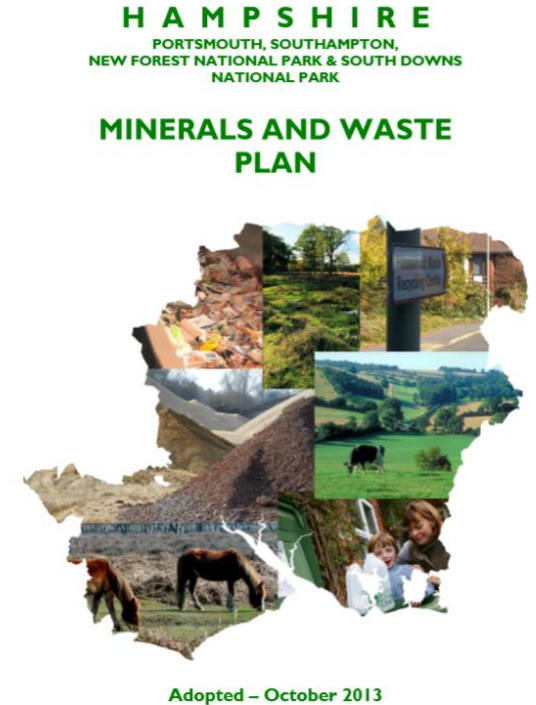
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What we will cover



Overview of the HMWP and the site allocation

- Publicly examined
- Adopted in 2013
- The Vision: *'Protecting the environment, maintaining communities and supporting the economy.'*
- Sets out the need to provide mineral reserves within the County to meet predicted demand over life of plan.
- Allocates sites, where possible, to deliver this requirement



Overview of the HMWP and the site allocation

- Paragraph 2.32 – Sets out the need for sand and gravel
- 30m tonnes of aggregates required by 2030:

16.4mt from
existing
reserves

11.57mt from
new /
extended
sites (HMWP)

3.1mt from
unallocated
sites



Overview of the HMWP and the site allocation

Policy I7: Aggregate supply – capacity and source

An adequate and steady supply of aggregates until 2030 will be provided for Hampshire and surrounding areas from local sand and gravel sites at a rate of 1.56mtpa, of which 0.28mtpa will be soft sand.

The supply will also be augmented by safeguarding and developing infrastructure capacity so that alternative sources of aggregate could be provided at the following rates:

- **1.0mtpa of recycled and secondary aggregates; and**
- **2.0mtpa of marine-won aggregates; and**
- **1.0mtpa of limestone delivered by rail.**

Overview of the HMWP (2013) and the site allocation

- Hamble Airfield allocated for 1.5m tonnes of sharp sand and gravel
- Allocation sets out key issues that an application needs to consider (Development Considerations)

Policy 20: Local land-won aggregates

An adequate and steady supply of locally extracted sand and gravel will be provided by maintaining a landbank of permitted sand and gravel reserves sufficient for at least seven years from:

1. the extraction of remaining reserves at the following permitted sites:
 - i. Bramshill Quarry, Bramshill (sharp sand and gravel)
 - ii. Eversley Common Quarry, Eversley (sharp sand and gravel)
 - iii. Eversley Quarry (Chandlers Farm), Eversley (sharp sand and gravel)
 - iv. Mortimer Quarry, Mortimer West End (sharp sand and gravel)
 - v. Badminton Farm (Fawley) Quarry, Fawley (sharp sand and gravel)
 - vi. Bury Farm (Marchwood) Quarry, Marchwood (sharp sand and gravel)
 - vii. Bleak Hill Quarry (Hamer Warren), Harbridge (sharp sand and gravel)
 - viii. Avon Tyrell, Sopley (sharp sand and gravel)
 - ix. Downton Manor Farm Quarry, Milford on Sea (sharp sand and gravel)
 - x. Blashford Quarry (including Plumley Wood / Nea Farm), near Ringwood (sharp sand and gravel / soft sand)
 - xi. Roke Manor Quarry, Shootash (sharp sand and gravel)
 - xii. Frith End Sand Quarry, Sleaford (soft sand)
 - xiii. Kingsley Quarry, Kingsley (soft sand)
2. extensions to the following existing sites, provided the proposals address the development considerations outlined in '[Appendix A - Site allocations](#)':
 - i. Bleak Hill Quarry Extension, Harbridge (sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 13) – 0.5 million tonnes
 - ii. Bramshill Quarry Extension (Yateley Heath Wood), Blackbushe (sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 1) – 1.0 million tonnes
3. new sand and gravel extraction sites, provided the proposals address the development considerations outlined in '[Appendix A - Site allocations](#)':
 - i. Roeshot, Christchurch (sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 11) – 3.0 million tonnes
 - ii. Cutty Brow, Longparish (sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 3) – 1.0 million tonnes
 - iii. Hamble Airfield, Hamble-le-Rice (sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 9) – 1.50 million tonnes
 - iv. Forest Lodge Home Farm, Hythe (soft sand / sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 10) – 0.57 million tonnes
 - v. Purple Haze, Ringwood Forest (soft sand / sharp sand and gravel) (Inset Map 12) – 4.0 million tonnes
4. Proposals for new sites outside the areas identified in Policy 20 (including extension of sites identified in Policy 20 (1)) will be supported where:

Hamble Airfield

Location: Former airfield, north of Hamble-le-Rice

Grid reference: SU 477 078

Minerals and Waste Planning Authority: Hampshire County Council

District Authority: Eastleigh Borough Council

Parish Authority: Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council

Area: 62 hectares

Existing land use: Scrub vegetation and rough grazing.

Proposed land use: Extraction of sharp sand and gravel

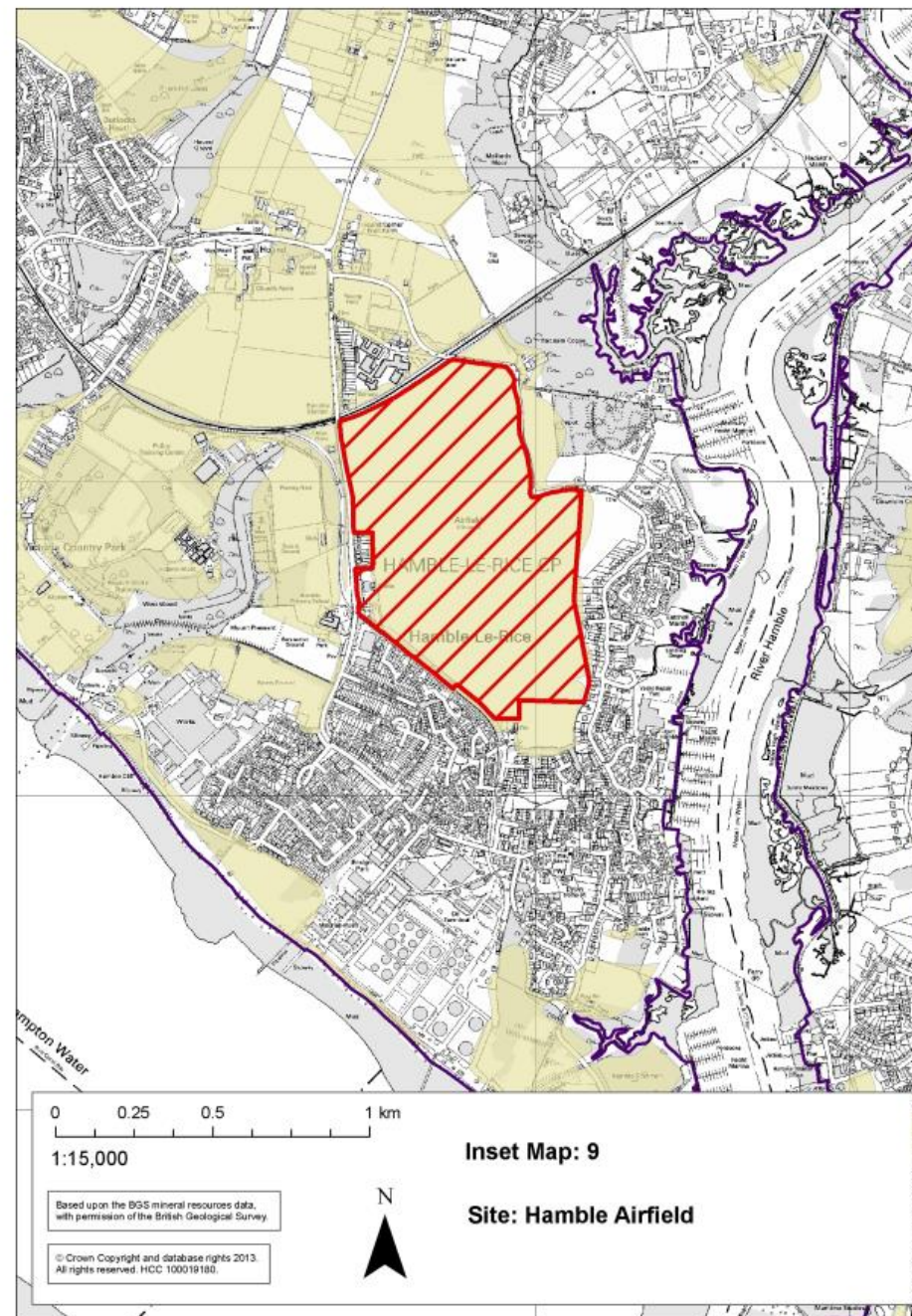
Total mineral resource: 1.5 million tonnes of sharp sand and gravel

Restoration: Restoration to a combination of grazing, nature conservation, open space, public access and woodland.

Reason for allocation: The site is considered to be the best option for providing a local supply of sharp sand and gravel from this part of south Hampshire. The site is allocated in *Policy 20 (Local land-won aggregates)* of the Plan.

Development considerations:

- Protection of the Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar and Solent Maritime SAC*.
- The impact on all roosting and foraging areas used by qualifying bird species of nearby SPA and Ramsar*.
- Protection of the Lee on Solent to Itchen Valley Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest.
- The impact on Badnam Copse and West Wood Site of Importance for Nature Conservation.
- Safeguarding of adjacent public rights of way (footpath no. 1).
- Maintain and manage existing informal recreational use of the site.
- Phasing programme and working to protect local businesses and the amenity of local residents.
- Protection of the water quality and recharge of the groundwater and surface water*.
- Safe and satisfactory access to ensure provision is made for vulnerable highway users and the impact on peak flows is managed.
- Traffic issues including consideration of school traffic and pedestrians, particularly at Hamble Community Sports College and Hamble Primary, and management of traffic and congestion on Hamble Lane.



Current need for sand and gravel

HAMPSHIRE, PORTSMOUTH,
SOUTHAMPTON, NEW FOREST NATIONAL
PARK & SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK

Local Aggregate Assessment 2021



Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

September 2021



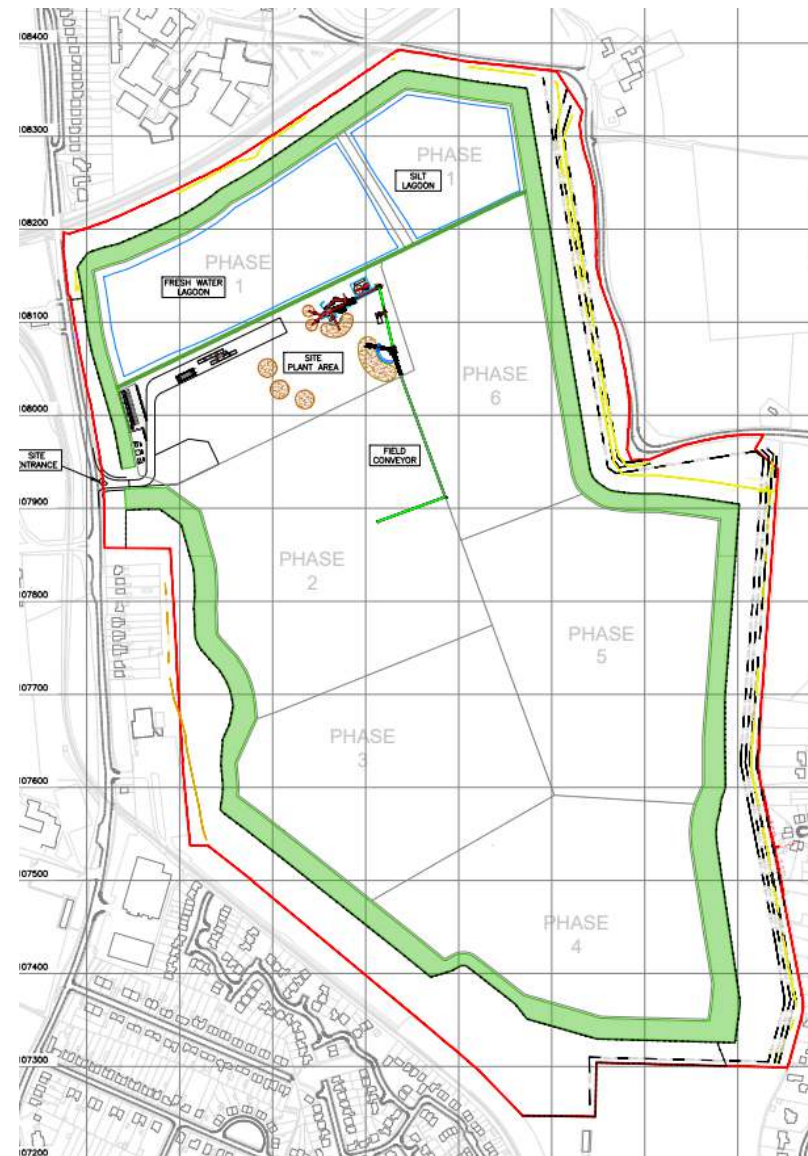
- Yearly assessment of demand vs reserves undertaken
- 2021 LAA concludes that minimum 7-year landbank being met (using 2020 data). However, to meet future demand Hampshire will '*greatly need to increase its land-won aggregate landbank.*'
- LAA also notes 53% of current S&G reserve held in one site.

Overview of the planning application

Full planning application for the extraction of 1.7mt of sand & gravel and restoration using C,D&E waste material

Proposal includes new access off Hamble Lane, processing plant, stocking area, water treatment plant, weighbridge, offices and parking facilities

7 years of phased extraction at 250,000 tpa



Overview of the planning application

Planning Application guided by full Environmental Impact Assessment process

Environmental Statement (ES) submitted assessing likely environmental impacts, including:

- Flood Risk Assessment
- Highway Impact Assessment
- Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment
- Noise and Air Quality Assessments
- Ecological Impact Assessment

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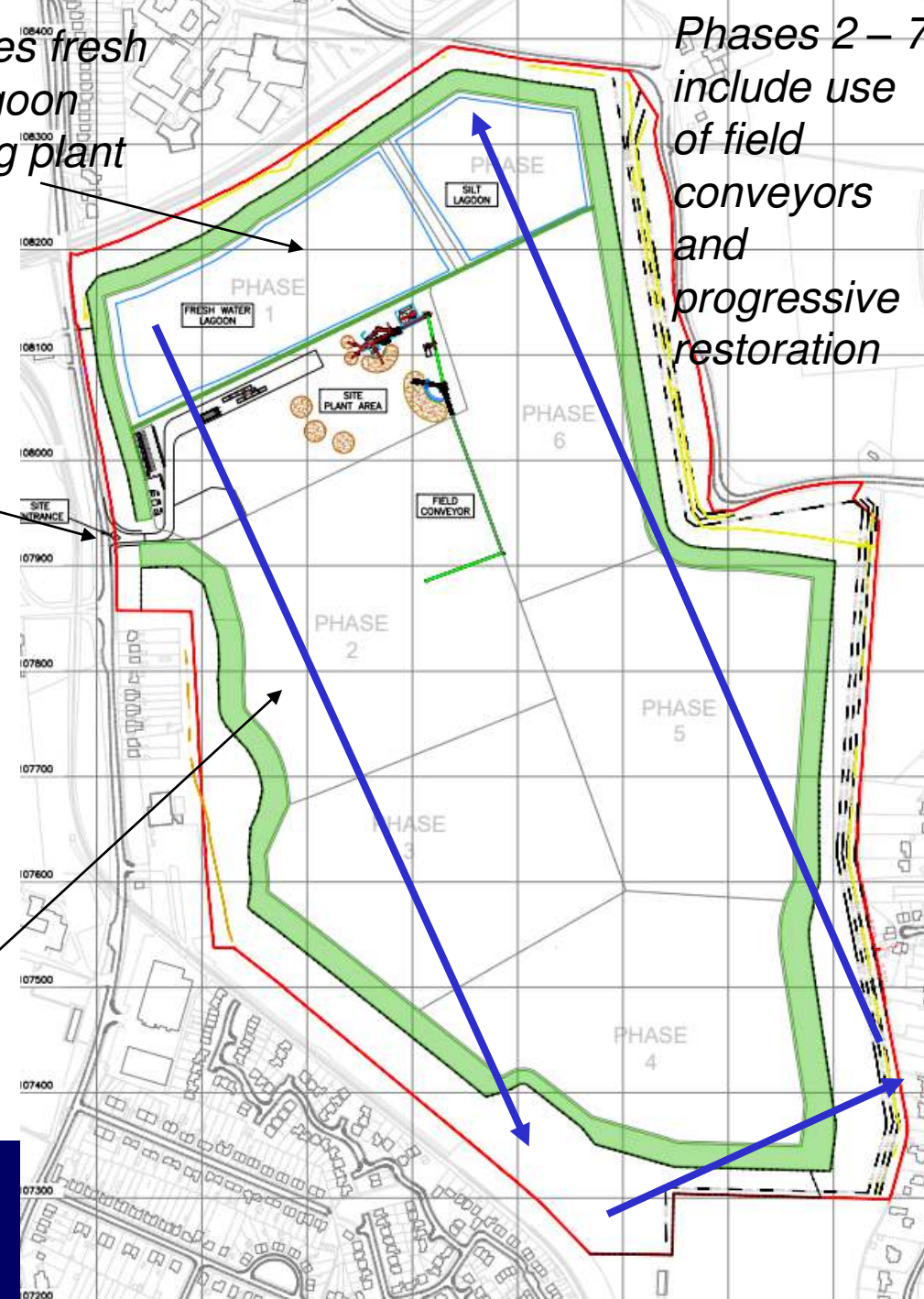
- Phasing Plan – 7 phases
- Site Layout:
 - Perimeter Bunds
 - New access junction off Hamble Lane
 - Processing Area

Phase 1 creates fresh water & silt lagoon and processing plant area

Access designed to allow HGV access via left turn in and right turn out only

Phase 2 restored before Phase 7 commences

Phases 2 – 7 include use of field conveyors and progressive restoration



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Hours of operation: 0700-1700 hours Monday to Friday and 0700-1200 hours on Saturdays. Soil stripping and sand extraction is not proposed to commence until 0800 hours. Maintenance of plant and vehicles is proposed to be allowed until 1800 hours on Saturdays and 1900 hours in the week.

Years 1 – 7:

90 HGV movements
(45 in and 45 out)
per day to export
aggregates to the
market

Years 3 – 7:

Additional 54
movements for
imports of
restoration material

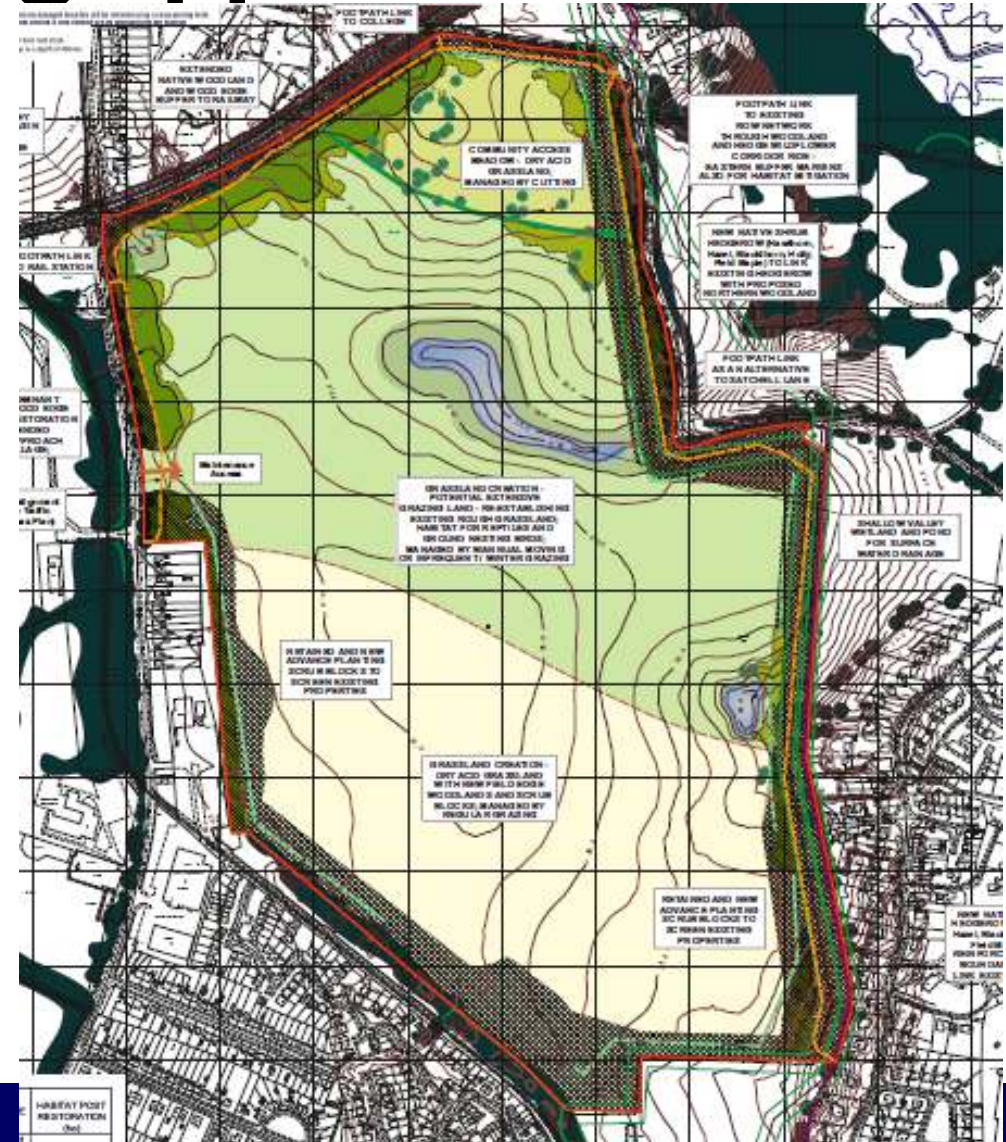
Years 8 – 10:

90 HGV movements
solely for restoration
materials

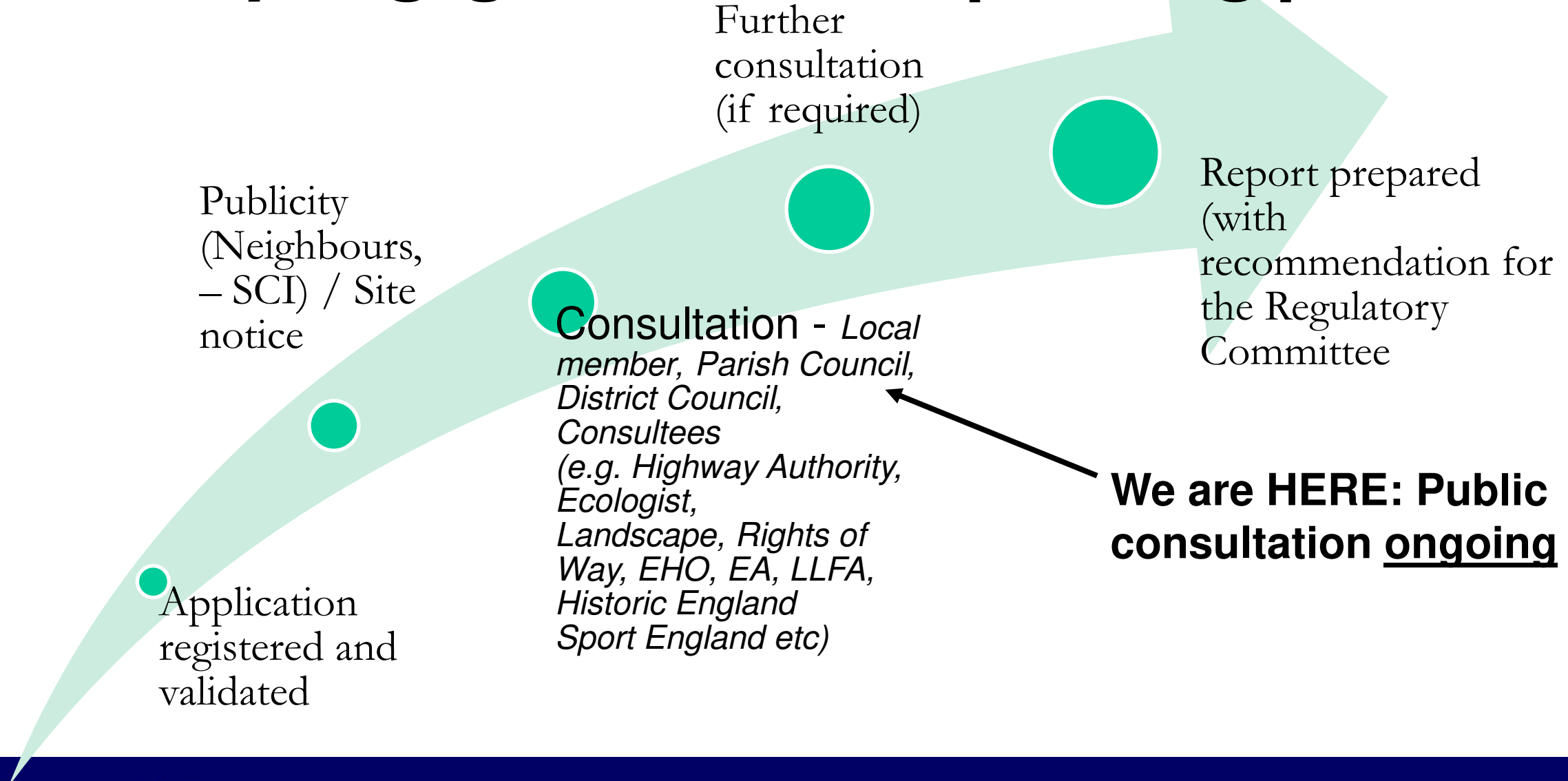


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- Progressive restoration using overburden and imported restoration material –imported at a rate of 150,000 tpa for an additional 6 years
- Restoration to parkland and grazing land, with two small ponds for drainage. The parkland area will be open for public access.
- New native hedgerows, scrub, and woodland also proposed, with existing boundary vegetation remaining and being enhanced.
- Restoration to a mix of species rich grassland, grassland paddock and dry acid grassland
- Shallow ephemeral waterbodies to aid site drainage & increase biodiversity
- HGV site access to be replaced with agricultural style access for maintenance purposes
- Final restoration including planting
- Footpath No. 1
- Aftercare



Community engagement in the planning process



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Consultation ongoing with public and statutory consultees:

- Several hundred separate addresses have been consulted (SCI)
- Hamble-le-Rice, Bursledon and Hound PCs consulted
- Local MP and Members consulted
- Statutory and non statutory consultees consulted including:
 - Environment Agency
 - Environmental Health
 - Highway Authority
 - National Highways
 - Network Rail
 - Harbour Authority; and
 - other internal experts etc

Several
***statutory
consultee
responses
still awaited***

Timelines for determining the application

- Review of all consultations / representations received
- Likely that additional information will be sought - will be subject to formal consultation – *timescales tbc*
- Not expecting to determine application until May 2022 Committee at the earliest
- All representations received up to the point of decision will be considered



Where can I find out more?

- **Peter Bond** is the Case Officer
- More information on the application (including all documents):
<https://planning.hants.gov.uk/Planning/Display/HCC/2021/0787>
- Commenting on the application:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/comment-on-application>

Useful references



- HMWP: <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HampshireMineralsWastePlanADOPTED.pdf>
- NPPF: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework>
- LAA: https://hants.sharepoint.com/sites/ETEE8681/SharedDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FETEE8681%2FSharedDocuments%2FHMWP_LAA2021%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FETEE8681%2FSharedDocuments&p=true
- Minerals and waste sites in Hampshire: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/sites-in-hampshire>

Useful references



- Liaison Panels:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/sites-in-hampshire/site-liaison-panels>
- Monitoring and enforcement:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/planning-breach/enforcement>
- SCI:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/statement-community-involvement>

