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APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

SECTION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

APPENDIX 8.11: HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

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11 Heritage and Archaeology

- 11.1 The proposed biomass CHP development is located within 10 km of different nationally designated sites, the nearest being the fossil beds located within the Barton clays. Barton cliffs, located about 1.8 km to the south of the proposed site are world famous for the fossils that can be found in the clay strata that form the Barton Clays, situated below the Barton Sands. These strata can only be viewed at the base of the cliffs along the seashore and are obscured by sea defences at the foot of the cliffs between Marine Drive West and the old Barton Golf Course car park. These prehistoric deposits are located at a depth at least 30 m below the ground level at the proposed site where they would not be disturbed by any activities related to the proposed development.
- 11.2 The New Forest National Park is located to the north of the proposed site and at its nearest point approaches to within 1.5 km where the boundary to the National Park follows the line of the B3055, known locally as Bashley Cross Road. Limited views can be obtained from the B3055 in spite of its higher elevation because of the hedgerows and tree screens between the road and the proposed site.
- 11.3 The church and its environs at Old Milton form part of the ancient settlement of Milton, where a church has occupied the current site since 1260 A.D. although the only part of the building that predates the 19th-century is the tower.
- 11.4 Another early settlement was located at Chewton where the luxury hotel is now located but the proposed development will not approach any recorded archaeological sites.
- 11.5 The Hampshire County Council Archaeological Department has confirmed that the site of the proposed development is not near to, or likely to disturb, any known archaeological sites

The advice of the Archaeological Department was sought in April 2011, and their response is as follows:-

'There are no archaeological finds or features currently recorded on the proposal site or within the immediate vicinity. As the works are small in scale and are due to take place in area which has already been subject to disturbance, the chance to record any surviving archaeological deposits would be limited. Accordingly, there are no archaeological issues we would raise should the proposals be submitted as a formal planning application.'

- 11.6 It is therefore concluded that this proposal will have **Negligible** impact on Archaeology and Heritage.