

## TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

### 'SCREENING OPINION' (REG: 5 & 7)

**Proposal**        **Reprofiling of two areas of waterlogged ground to provide a series of ephemeral ponds as wildlife habitat, and construction of a nesting platform for osprey**  
**at:**                **The Eastern Shore of Ibsley Water to the North of Ellingham Drove, Ringwood**

**County Council Ref:** 12/99079

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*Refer to footnote before assessing proposal*

Is the development listed in Schedule 1? **No**

Is the development listed in Schedule 2? **Yes**

Is the development likely to have significant effects on the environment?

#### **Extractive industry**

2.—(a) Quarries, open-cast mining and peat extraction (unless included in Schedule 1);

All development except the construction of buildings or other ancillary structures where the new floorspace does not exceed 1,000 square metres.

The site, known as Blashford Lakes, is a series of former gravel pits that have been restored to provide valuable habitats for a diverse range of wildlife and are surrounded by grassland and willow, birch and alder woodland.

The proposal involves the provision of a 6m high wooden pole topped with a square platform with natural materials, to encourage Ospreys to visit the platform and nest.

The ephemeral ponds will involve improvements to uneven ground that currently fills with water and provides a wet habitat. The ruts created by vehicles movements will be re-profiled to create larger depressions at lower surface levels.

The proposal only involves minor works, so do not exceed the threshold above. The proposals are within 50m of the Site of Scientific Interest, Bickton-Christchurch, but not expected to give rise to any significant environmental impacts on this *sensitive area*.



The proposed development is **not** an EIA development under the *Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011* as it is not within a sensitive area, below the thresholds and not likely to result in significant environmental effects.

Director of Economy, Transport & Environment  
Date 28 August, 2012

*Note: An EIA development must **either**:  
be within Schedule 1 **or**;  
be within Schedule 2 within a 'sensitive area' **and/or** above thresholds/criteria **and/or** 'likely to have significant environmental effects'.*