

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

‘SCREENING OPINION’ (REG: 5 &7)

Proposal **Variation of condition 10 of planning permission
BDB/70669 (to retain 5 passing bays)**
at: **Skyers Wood Chalk Pit, Lloyds Lane, Ewhurst, Ramsdell,
Tadley**

County Council Ref: 13/00167/CMA

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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**

11. Other projects

(b) Installations for the disposal of waste (unless included in Schedule 1);

(i) The disposal is by incineration; or

(ii) the area of the development exceeds 0.5 hectare; or

(iii) the installation is to be sited within 100 metres of any controlled waters.

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

The site area is 2.1 ha, and is therefore above the threshold. This proposal is to remove the requirement to reinstate 5 passing bays on the access road, which was stipulated in a condition of the original permission (BDB/70669). The works are now complete and the applicant does not wish to reinstate the passing bays.

The original proposal was to receive 26,225 m³ inert landfill, (European Waste Management Code 170504- soil and stones) over a period of 16 weeks. This is well below the 50,000 tonnes per year cited within the Circular 02/99 and the site is smaller than the 10 ha which is deemed likely to require EIA in this document.

The site is also situated within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding natural beauty (AONB) which is a ‘sensitive’ area and the Skyers Wood Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) is directly adjacent to the north east.

The designations of the area are noted, but the former chalk pit is within a large agricultural farm estate, as it was used to provide material for farm tracks within the farm holding. Furthermore the ecological surveys do not



reveal any threat to protected species and so there are not any significant environmental effects likely in this respect. Nor is the site situated near any controlled waters. This proposal to retain passing bays on the adjacent road will not alter the predicted impacts as the works are now complete and there are no environmental issues associated with this element of the original proposal.

In consideration of the original proposal and site particulars and the guidance given in the Circular 02/99, the nature and scale of the proposal is such that there are not any significant environmental effects likely under the EIA Regulations.

The proposed development **is not** an **EIA development** under the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England & Wales) Regulations 1999 as although the threshold criteria has been met for the site size and it is within a 'sensitive' area, the nature and scale of the operations and materials is such that significant environmental effects are not deemed likely.

Director of Economy, Transport & Environment
Date 9 May, 2013

*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'.*