

APPENDIX A Extract from Essex Minerals Local Plan

A31 Maldon Road, Birch

Site	A31
Address	Maldon Road, Birch
District	Colchester
Estimated Yield	4 mt
Area:	25 ha
Estimated life	13 years
Method of exportation	By conveyor to Birch Quarry and onward by road
Method of Restoration	Low level restoration
After-use	Restoration to a range of managed habitats (Inc. arable)

Specific issues to be addressed

This is an extension for Birch Quarry, located on the southern side of Maldon Road, west of Birch. Mineral would be moved by conveyor under Maldon Road for processing and exported via the existing site access.

1. A Transport Assessment would be required with any application/ EIA.
2. Extraction would not commence until after extraction at the existing quarry and all necessary restoration phases have been completed.
3. The eastern tree line is to be protected and retained with no extraction to the south.
4. There is evidence of protected and notable species on site. An ecological assessment based on appropriate survey work would be required with any application/ EIA.
5. Whilst predominantly within Flood Zone 1, an area of Flood Zone 3 runs along the ditch line to the north east. Any buildings/ stockpiles should be located within Flood Zone 1. A site specific Flood Risk Assessment will be required to address the management of surface water and drainage from the site, to reduce the overall level of

flood risk to the area and beyond and ensure suitable mitigation measures are adopted.

6. An assessment and an appraisal of potential conflict with Cordon Sanitare Waste water Treatment Works would be assessed as part of any application/ EIA.
7. The site is visible from the Maldon Road on the long northern boundary. Bunding/ screening would be required to screen this view and the view from the footpath to the south (Birch 13). The opportunity exists for early advance planting.
8. A minimum 100m stand off distance and appropriate bunding/ screening to be provided for Roundbush Bungalow on the south-west corner of the site.
9. Roundbush Farm to the south-west includes a group of Listed Buildings which must be protected. The site lies in what is expected to be a sensitive archaeological area. A historic environment assessment must be agreed as part of any application/ EIA. This should include details of appropriate restoration to protect the setting of the Listed Buildings.
10. Restoration provides the opportunity for significant biodiversity enhancement and habitat creation on site.

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