



The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Refusal of Full Planning Permission
Application Reference Number: PL/2026/01605
Decision Date: 20/07/2026

Applicant:	Mr Matthew Harden 9 Brittens Close, Guildford, United Kingdom, GU29RJ
Particulars of Development:	Installation of four temporarily portable cabins (including security, office, welfare and rest rooms units) ranging in size from 4.8m to 12m in length to support essential site operations
At:	Charnage Quarry, Mere, Warminster, BA12 6AP

In accordance with paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), this planning application has been processed in a proactive way. However, due to technical objections or the proposal's failure to comply with the development plan and/or the NPPF as a matter of principle, the local planning authority has had no alternative other than to refuse planning permission.

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act, the Council hereby REFUSE TO GRANT PERMISSION for the development referred to in the above application and plans submitted by you, for the following reason(s):

Refusal Reason

- The applicant has failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate the purpose and operational need for the proposed development or to enable a full assessment of its impacts. In the absence of adequate information relating to the function of the portacabins, the scale of activities proposed at the site, biodiversity interests including the Charnage Down Chalk Pit SSSI, highway impacts and landscape effects, the Local Planning Authority is unable to conclude that the development would represent an appropriate or sustainable form of development. Whilst the weight to be attached to continuation of the mineral workings has been fully considered, the likely landscape, highway and ecological harms weigh significantly against approval of the scheme as submitted, and these harms are considered to outweigh the positive benefit of the continuation of the mineral operation. The proposal therefore conflicts with Core Policies 50, 51, 57, 60 and 61 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy; Core Policies MCS1 and MCS1B of Wiltshire &

Swindon Minerals Core Strategy and the relevant provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Informative

- 1 For the avoidance of doubt, the plans and supporting documents considered in this refusal are as follows:

Application form received 09/03/2026

Break room cabin floor plan and elevations Drg no 2025/02/P005-A received 07/04/2026

Security cabin floor plan and elevations Drg no 2025/02/P002-A received 07/04/2026

Welfare cabin floor plan and elevations Drg no 2025/02/P004-A received 07/04/2026

Office cabin floor plan and elevations Drg no 2025/02/P003-A received 07/04/2026

Flood risk assessment received 22/05/2026

Location plan and site plan Drg no 2025/02/P001-B received 28/04/2026

Nic Thomas - Director of Planning, Economy and Climate

NOTES

1. **Appeals.** If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission, they may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of this decision. (Information and forms relating to the appeals process can be found at the Planning Portal - [Appeal a planning decision: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/appeal-a-planning-decision-overview)).