

# KILMINGTON

## INSET PLAN 19

### LOCATION

(NGR SY 275975)

The site lies to the south of the A35 Honiton to Axminster road at the western end of the Axminster By-pass, between the village of Kilminster and the River Axe.

### GEOLOGY

Kilminster Quarry works material from the Axe Valley Gravels that date from the Quaternary Period. These are deep beds (between 10 and 12 metres in thickness) of crudely bedded and poorly sorted coarse river gravels and sands which have a capping of wind-blown silty material. The gravels contain pebbles of chert, flint, Greensand and chalk. The outcrop of the gravel bearing deposits occurs sporadically, and with varying thickness, throughout the area, extending westwards from the northern part of the site beneath Kilminster Village.

### PLANNING HISTORY

Sand and gravel working was established at Kilminster Quarry in the early 1930's. Since this time, a number of planning permissions have extended the original site so that the quarry now forms the eastern boundary of the village of Kilminster. Two worked out areas have been restored to agriculture using imported waste material, and a further area in the southern part of the site was restored using quarry waste. In 1990, planning permission was granted for the deepening of the area of permission to the east of the church and for the infilling of the site with inert material which was conditional on the construction of a new access road direct onto the A35 trunk road. This would prevent heavy lorry traffic having to pass through the village bringing waste into the site. A Section 106 Agreement has secured the restoration of the plant and silt pond areas on completion of quarrying and processing.

### ROMP STATUS

Active Phase I site, with the decision in abeyance pending submission of additional information by the applicant .

### DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS

Mineral extraction stopped in 1998. Operations have now been suspended and the area is being considered for final restoration. When it was worked the sand and gravel was excavated from the quarry face by hydraulic excavator and taken to the plant area by internal haul lorry. The plant area contained machinery for washing, crushing and grading of the rock, as well as a ready-mix concrete plant. Washed and graded materials were stockpiled adjacent to the plant area.



Looking north-west across quarry floor showing recent scrub regeneration.

### COMMENT

- A small part of the southern end of the site lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- Part of the Consultation Area lies within the Kilminster Conservation Area.
- The site lies close to the River Axe candidate Special Area of Conservation.
- The site lies in an area where the Environment Agency requires that all groundwater resources are safeguarded as far as it is considered reasonably possible.
- The Mineral Consultation Area contains an archaeological site and there will be a need to assess the archaeological interest as part of any future proposals.
- Other uses for the plant site are being considered.

### PROPOSALS

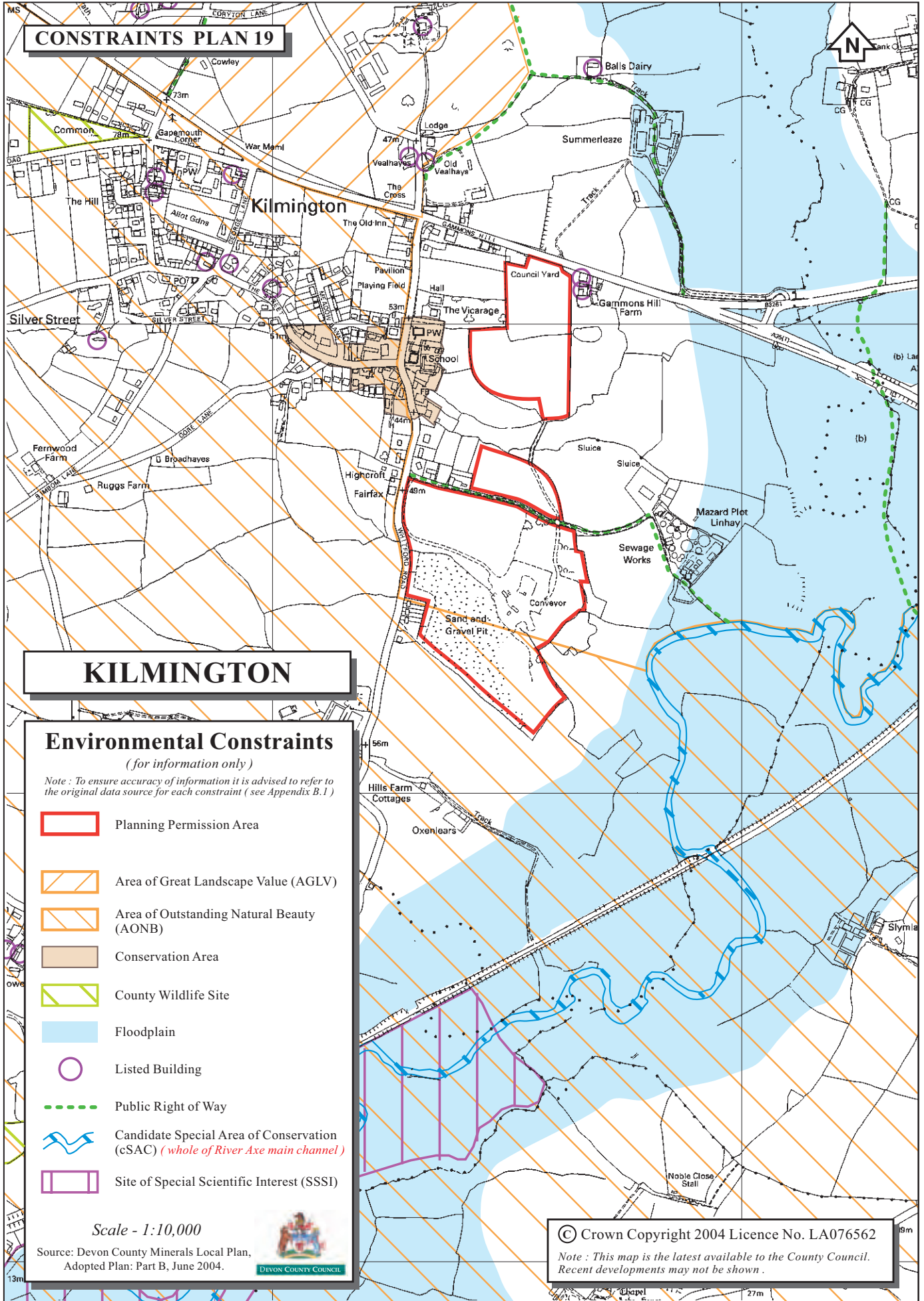
#### PROPOSAL: INSET 19.1

The MPA will seek to secure the early restoration of the site.

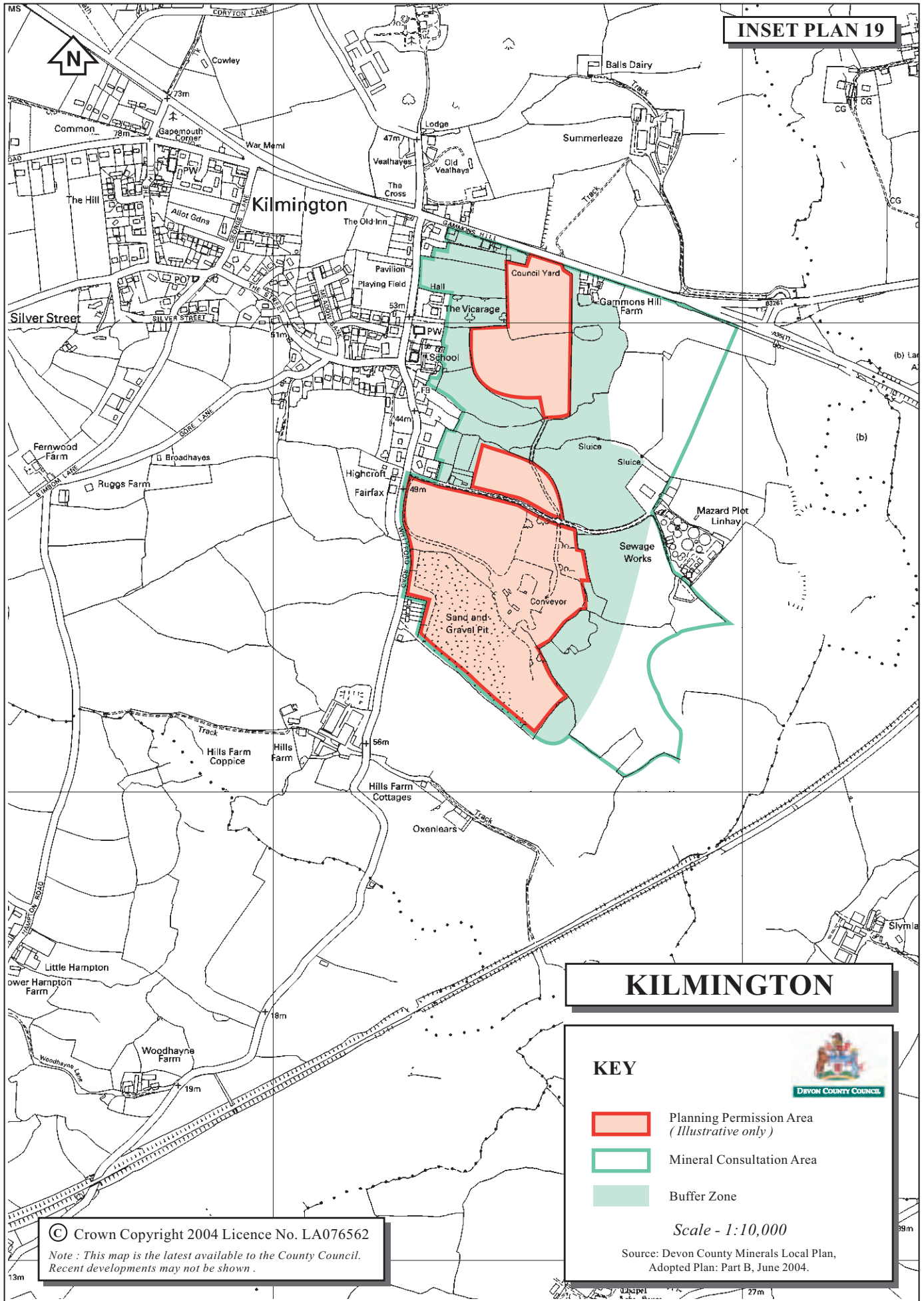
#### PROPOSAL: INSET 19.2

The MPA will encourage the conservation of appropriate geological exposures as part of any future restoration proposals for the Kilminster Mineral Site.

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