

SITE: Torr Quarry

Inset Plan No: SH24

- District:** South Hams
- Parish:** Buckland-tout-Saints
- Grid Reference:** 2745 0483
- Site Area:** 5.1 hectares
- Site Location:** Torr Quarry, East Allington, Kingsbridge
- Site Description:** The site is located in, and adjacent to, a worked out quarry adjacent to the A381 west of East Allington, and about 5 Km. north of Kingsbridge. It is visible from Woodleigh.
- Policy Constraints:** The site lies just outside an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and an Area of Great Landscape Value, and is within a County Wildlife Site which contains Protected Species. The quarry bottom contains a large area of open water.
- Existing Uses:** The site contains two facilities (one of them currently unauthorised) to reprocess construction waste, an active landfill site for inert waste, a Recycling Centre and a Waste Transfer Station. The site has a dormant mineral permission, and no mineral activities or associated tipping can take place until such time as a scheme has been submitted to the Mineral Planning Authority, and has been approved.
- Planning History:** The site is occupied by several separate operators, and consequently has a complicated planning history:
DJB Haulage took over a landfill site that had first been approved on 10th July, 1992. The current permissions were granted on 2nd July, 2001 for the infilling of quarry benches using inert waste; 31st January 2002 and 7th January 2003 for the storage of soil and screened materials; and 16th June 2003 for the recycling and storage of materials.
Nicholas Rowell Haulage first obtained permission for the disposal of inert waste on 9th November, 1992. This permission was renewed on 3rd October, 1997 and has been completed in advance of the expiry date (31st October, 2002). An extension to the tip was approved on 18th August, 1998, with the same expiry date, but this has lapsed without being implemented. The use of part of the site for the processing and recycling of inert material has been undertaken without planning permission, but an application to continue this use was approved in July 2005.
Devon County Council operates a Recycling Centre which was approved in July 2002.
South Hams District Council operates a waste transfer station.
- Other Considerations:** Any future waste management proposals on this site will need to have regard to Policy KS14 of the Deposit Version of the South Hams Local Plan, which sets out landscaping and design criteria. In addition, full consultation will be carried out with South Hams District Council to assess the cumulative impact of new developments on the surrounding area, with the aim of securing a comprehensive programme of landscape and environment management for the site as a whole.
- Potential Uses:** The site is strategically placed to accommodate a MRF, together with greenwaste shredding and composting and mixed waste composting.

Constraints:		
Ramsar Site	Coastal Protection Area	Risk of Flooding
World Heritage Site	A.G.L.V. ○	Groundwater Protection
Candidate S.A.C./S.A.C.	Conservation Area	Aquifer Protection
S.P.A.	County Wildlife Site ●	Risk of Birdstrike
National Park	County Geological Site	Public Right of Way ○
A.O.N.B. ○	Local Nature Reserve	
S.S.S.I.	Heritage Coast	Other Constraints
National Nature Reserve	Ancient Woodland	Area of open water ●
Sched. Ancient Monument	Historic Park/Garden	
Listed Building	Sites & Monuments Reg. ○	
	Known Protected Species ●	

Key:

● Constraint refers to actual site area

○ Constraint adjacent to site or nearby

