



**AONB Planning Consultative Panel
AONB Officer's Report to Chief Planning Officer
September 10th 2010**

**Commentary on Planning Applications for Determination
at Planning & Development Committee on September 16th 2010**

P/10/081/FUL Former Pelistry Quarry, St Mary's. Ground re-modelling and landscaping of former quarry including contouring using subsoil and topsoil from the works at the new school site at Carn Gwaval, St Mary's.

PCP seeks assurance that materials from the Carn Gwaval school site that are proposed for deposition at Pelistry Quarry have no future use in Scilly. PCP is under the impression that the bulk of the topsoil and granite will be reused in the new school build. However, PCP seeks confirmation that this is the case as the applicant does not make a clear and consistent statement on the nature of the materials for transfer to Pelistry Quarry.

PCP takes the view that all of the materials excavated from Carn Gwaval - topsoil, subsoil (ram) and granite – should be management for storage rather than disposal. PCP further argues that, if the purpose of resource management is to store materials for future use, alternative sites with better access should also be considered (for example, Pendrethan Quarry or the Ram Pit at Normandy)

PCP notes the projected number of journeys between Carn Gwaval and Pelistry and the proposed plans for accessing the site. PCP is especially concerned that the proposed reworking of the entrance does not adequately address road safety, with lorries turning close to a sharp bend in the road

PCP seeks assurance that any tree works would be subject to a Tree Works application as is required within the Isles of Scilly Conservation Area.

During a site visit on September 7th 2010, it was noted that the northern ram face of Pelistry Quarry features solitary bee holes that appear to be in use. PCP recommends that nothing should be done in any consented development work to disturb either bees or their habitats