

<b>Site Reference No.</b>	<b>MIN 23</b>
<b>Parish</b>	<b>BEESTON WITH BITTERING</b>
<b>Location of site</b>	Land to the North of Beeston Grid reference: 5899, 31559
<b>Submitted by</b>	Bidwells on behalf of R G Carter Ltd
<b>Proposed use/s</b>	Mineral extraction (sand and gravel)
<b>Size of site (hectares)</b>	26.7
<b>Estimate reserve (minerals)</b>	570,000 tonnes
<b>Allocation / Area of Search</b>	Allocation
<b>Current planning status:</b> - No current mineral or waste planning permission on the site.	
<b>Landscape and Ecology:</b> - The site lies about 1.2km south east of the River Nar SSSI. It comprises sloping open arable land with a fall towards the village of Beeston to the south. It lies within a wider open arable landscape with long views across open countryside. The site is adjacent to existing mineral workings. A further active mineral working lies to the north east. The allocation is unlikely to affect protected species or their habitats but would have the potential to affect Biodiversity Action Plan Species or their habitats (refer to list in the evidence base of species identified).	
<b>Highways:</b> - The site bounds two public highways, the undesignated U35182, Watery Lane, to the west and the undesignated C221, Back Lane, to the south-east. It is some 2km to the B1145, Litcham Road, a Main Distributor route, via Watery Lane, C22, Dereham Road and C123, Church Lane. These are all either Remaining Roads or Local Access routes. The access route passes through the village of Litcham. An alternative but longer route (5km) is available via Watery Lane, Litcham Road and Mileham Road. The submitted details suggest material could be taken to Bittering Quarry for processing. This would result in a route of approx 5-6km via Watery Lane, Church Road, The Street and Back Lane, Litcham Road and Reed Lane. With the exception of Reed Lane (a HGV Access route) these roads are undesignated. This route passes through Beeston, which could be avoided by taking a slightly longer route via Watery Lane, Litcham Road and Reed Lane.	
<b>Archaeology:</b> - Some archaeological investigation work needed, which could be required by a condition to planning consent.	



