

## **Preferred Area 5 - Round House Farm**

**Mineral:** Sharp sand and gravel

**Area:** 56 hectares

**Name:** Round House Farm

**Yield:** 1.2 million tonnes of sharp sand and gravel

**Proposal:** Extraction of sharp sand and gravel and restoration to small lakes and wetland for nature conservatio

### **Site Description**

1. The Preferred Area consists of flat agricultural land lying between the C116 (proposed Eastern Spine Road) on its northern boundary, and the River Thames on its southern boundary. The Marston Meysey Brook forms its western boundary whilst the eastern boundary consists of the Class 3 road to Castle Eaton and the access road to the Second Chance Caravan Park which adjoins the Preferred Area and the River Thames.
2. The Preferred Area is bisected by an infilled section of the disused Thames and Severn Canal and there are some mature trees along its field boundaries and bordering the River Thames. There are residential properties adjacent to the northwestern corner of the Preferred Area (Wetstone Cottages), on the northern boundary, at the Second Chance Caravan Park to the east, and in the centre of the site at the Round House. There are views into the Preferred Area from all of these properties and at numerous points along the roads adjoining the Preferred Area
3. A water main and an oil pipeline cross the Preferred Area as do a number of footpaths. The Round House and Marston Meysey Bridge in the centre of the site are both Grade II Listed structures and land adjacent to the Preferred Area beyond the Marston Meysey Brook is designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. The Preferred Area falls within an Area of Special Archaeological Significance as defined in the North Wiltshire Local Plan and is known to contain archaeological features which were identified by a previous archaeological evaluation. None of the Preferred Area is considered to contain high quality agricultural land, lying for the most part in the floodplain of the Thames.