

**Dorset Minerals and Waste Local Plan
SG10 Baker's Hanging**

**AGRICULTURAL LAND CLASSIFICATION
REPORT OF SURVEY**

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Sixty one hectares of land at Baker's Hanging, Ringwood Forest were surveyed using the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) System in July 1993. The survey was carried out on behalf of MAFF as part of its statutory role in the preparation of the Dorset Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Baker's Hanging (SG10) is a preferred area for sand and gravel extraction.

The fieldwork was carried out by ADAS (Resource Planning Team, Taunton Statutory Unit) at a scale of 1:10,000. The information is correct at this scale but any enlargement would be misleading.

The distribution of the ALC grades and categories identified in the survey area is detailed below and illustrated on the accompanying map.

Distribution of ALC grades: Baker's Hanging

Grade	Area (ha)	% of Survey Area	% of Agricultural Land
Agricultural	0.0	0%	0%
Woodland	<u>60.9</u>	<u>100%</u>	
TOTAL	60.9	100%	

The whole of the survey area was found to be in non agricultural use in the form of managed woodland.

APPENDIX 1

REFERENCES

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ENGLAND AND WALES (1976) Solid and Drift edition. Sheet 314 1:50,000 scale

MAFF (1973) Agricultural Land Classification Map Sheet 179 Provisional 1:63,360 scale

MAFF (1988) Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales (revised guidelines and criteria for grading the quality of land) Alnwick

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE (1989) Published climatic data extracted from the agroclimatic dataset, compiled by the Meteorological Office

SOIL SURVEY OF ENGLAND AND WALES (1983) Sheet 5 Soils of South West England 1:250,000 scale