

## ISH2 – PITS and BOREHOLES

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In our November WR submission REP2-025 we raised that there was a discrepancy in the number and location of pits shown on the applicants map and their ALC data table.

The applicant has responded in APP/9.28 EN010142-000890 *'The ALC Surveyor, Soil and Environment Services, placed a number of subsoil inspection pits as part of the detailed ALC assessment. The pits marked with a symbol on the plan were the deeper pits to examine soil structure down into the subsoil. The larger number of additional pits recorded with a 'P' in the data log but not a symbol on the plan, were shallower, into the upper subsoil but not deeper into the lower subsoil.'*

The applicant has on a number of occasions quoted *'Natural England retain a number of ALC specialists. The ALC assessment including the data presented in the ES has been reviewed by Natural England.'* Therefore I would like Natural England to respond to the applicants answer with regard to whether using deeper pits is a normal process and as to how this should have been recorded in the ALC data table? Or indeed are shallower pits acceptable practice or should they have all been deeper pits into the lower subsoil?

Also the laboratory reports and photographic evidence to substantiate the applicants claims would be appreciated.