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Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Consultation
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Dear Policy Team

CPRE Oxfordshire response to the Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 - Core Strategy and Sustainability Appraisal Report Update, February 2017

Proposed figures for sharp sand and gravel extraction

CPRE Oxfordshire entirely endorses the submission of OXAGE in relation to this issue - namely, that the annual rate of sharp sand and gravel as reflected in the modifications is too high and that the justification for deviating from Government policy (that a 10 year past average should be used) is not based on robust evidence.

We refer you to the detailed submission from Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE.

Re-balancing strategy

The OXAGE submission goes on to raise concerns about the proposed re-balancing strategy.

For the purposes of clarity, CPRE Oxfordshire wishes to state that it does *not* support the reintroduction of previously discounted sites. Beyond this, it is neutral on the re-balancing issue and therefore does not take a position either in support of or opposition to the relevant proposed modifications.

Yours sincerely

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