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Sent: 17 March 2017 19:06
To: Day, Peter - E&E

Subject: Sand & Gravel Extraction in the Bampton/Clanfield area

Dear Mr Day,

Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation – Clanfield/Bampton area

I strongly support the exclusion of this area from the final Plan, Policy M3.

I hardly know where to start - there are so many reasons why this area should be excluded but I will appeal to you on the basis of the major ones that I consider make the area so unsuitable and unviable.

1. Access to Bampton and Clanfield can only be approached by narrow roads, totally unsuitable for continual heavy traffic.

2. All access over the Thames is by a number of narrow humpbacked bridges, which are subject to several bans on heavy traffic already. These are ancient bridges which would simply not withstand the lifting of these bans for use by heavy lorries.

3. Look at the map. The reason the gravel exists is the floodplain of the Thames..... floodplains which plainly flood....

In 2007 both Bampton and Clanfield were subject to severe flooding with a large number of houses affected. Subsequent to this I understood that West Oxfordshire District Council had agreed that 'further gravel extraction or other major developments beyond existing allocations should not be permitted without the fullest consideration of the potential of that development to worsen or ameliorate the flooding situation'.

What has changed?

4. The area is under siege to new housing development that is going to put as yet, untested strain on roads and possible flooding. Do not further endanger these ancient, attractive settlements which currently bring visitors to the region.

How can quarrying be entertained in this area with these solid reasons against development?

Yours faithfully,

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