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To: Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultees

**Environment & Economy  
County Hall  
New Road  
Oxford  
OX1 1ND**

**Bev Hindle  
Strategic Director  
Communities**

Dear Sir or Madam

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

The Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy (Core Strategy) was submitted for examination in December 2015. The Secretary of State appointed Mr. Brian Cook BA(Hons) DipTP MRTPI as the Planning Inspector to carry out the independent examination of the Core Strategy.

In April 2016, the Council undertook consultation on a number of additional documents. The Inspector held examination hearing sessions in September 2016.

The Inspector issued an Interim Report in October 2016, in which he provided his conclusions on the amount of provision that needs to be made for mineral working and waste management over the plan period to 2031. The Interim Report also concluded that further strategic environmental assessment / sustainability appraisal (SEA/SA) should be carried out, in conjunction with the preparation of Proposed Main Modifications to the Core Strategy.

In accordance with the Inspector's Interim Report, the Council has prepared Proposed Main Modifications to the Core Strategy and a comprehensive new SEA/SA report update. These documents were approved for consultation by the Council's Cabinet on 24 January 2017 and are now being published for public consultation. The Council considers that these Main Modifications are necessary to make the Core Strategy sound and is therefore making a formal request to the Inspector to recommend modifications to the plan.

The period for making representations on the Proposed Main Modifications and the SEA/SA report update runs for a period of six weeks from 03 February 2017 to **5.00pm on 20 March 2017**, after which representations cannot be accepted.

All documents can be viewed on line and downloaded at:

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy>

and will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at:  
Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND.

Alternative means of viewing the documents may be arranged, if necessary, by contacting the Minerals and Waste Policy Team on the contact details below.

At this stage, representations should only relate to the Proposed Main Modifications and/or the SEA/SA report update, and not to other aspects of the Core Strategy. The Proposed Main Modifications are put forward without prejudice to the Inspector's final conclusions on the plan. All duly made representations on the Proposed Main Modifications and the SEA/SA report update that are received within the consultation period will be forwarded to, and will be taken into account by the Inspector.

The Council is also publishing a schedule of Proposed Additional Modifications to the Core Strategy. These modifications do not relate to the soundness of the plan, and only include factual updates, corrections and editorial/stylistic changes and minor clarifications. The Additional Modifications are not part of the formal consultation and they are not being put before the Inspector. However, the Council is inviting comments on them. Any such comments received will be considered by the Council, but they will not be forwarded to the Inspector; he will only consider representations on modifications relating to the soundness of the plan.

Representations on the Proposed Main Modifications should be made on the form provided. Representations on the Main Modifications and the SEA/SA report update may be made in writing or by electronic communications and should be sent to the County Council by one of the following two ways:

- a) Send a representation by email to:  
[mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
- b) Send a representation by post to:  
Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Consultation  
Planning Regulation – Minerals and Waste Policy Team  
Communities  
Oxfordshire County Council  
County Hall, New Road  
Oxford OX1 1ND.

**Representations must be received by 5.00pm on 20 March 2017.** Representations received after this date cannot be accepted.

Any comments on the Proposed Additional Modifications may also be made by email or post, as above, and should be sent to the Council by the same deadline.

If you would like more information about the Core Strategy or this process, please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team on the contact details below.

Yours faithfully

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