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Subject: RE: Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – Consultation on Additional Documents

Dear Elise

We have no specific comments to make other than on the LAA.
Supply for aggregates has increased across England following on from the recession and Oxfordshire is also showing an increase.
However this increase is greatly in excess of that elsewhere and does point to the unique situation locally.
Sand and gravel sales have increased by 92% in the last two years and there has been a similar increase in crushed rock.

Given that demand is likely to increase further above last year's supply level how is this increase in demand going to be met given that existing sand and gravel units are near capacity.
We believe that the lack of production units will cap future supply levels and limit supply flexibility.
The LAA sand and gravel figure of 1.015Mtpa as an average seems realistic and that total capacity needs to be greater than this to allow for flexibility.

Regards
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