

12 June 2016

Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Consultation
Environment & Economy
Planning Regulation (Minerals & Waste)
Oxfordshire County Council
Speedwell House
Speedwell Street
Oxford OX1 1NE

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you as Chairman of PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction) which represents eight parish councils in South Oxfordshire with a population of around 5,500 people. We are also a member of the county-wide alliance known as OXAGE (Oxfordshire Against Gravel Extraction).

We have been fully involved in the development of the latest Representation submitted on behalf of OXAGE by Gardner Planning Ltd dated 6 June 2016 and wholeheartedly support everything contained in this submission.

We submit that the publication by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) of the additional documents does not alter our case that the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy is **not legally compliant** and is **unsound**. In fact the LAA November 2015 and the AMS2015 figures provide further evidence that the annual production planning figure for sharp sand and gravel used in the Core Strategy is far too high. The continued decline in the 10 year sales average is exactly as we predicted a number of years ago. We have no idea why OCC deliberately chose not to engage with us in summer 2014 when they changed consultants to LUC and Cuesta, but now the result is an LAA of 1.015 mtpa which is 62% higher than the latest 10 year sales average of 0.628 mtpa. OCC's decision not to comply with their own Statement of Community Involvement has led to the current situation of blighting large areas of the Oxfordshire countryside.

We do not intend to repeat all the arguments in the Gardner Planning representation. We request the opportunity to participate at the oral hearings.

Yours sincerely,

J J Taylor
Chairman of PAGE