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To: Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E
Subject: Minerals and waste main modifications comments

Dear Sir,

Re the consultation ending March 20th. It is impossible to find any link from your <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy> page so I have to send my comments, which are made on behalf of Eynsham Parish Council, via email.

I sent comments to the previous consultation and they were totally ignored then, so I have sent them again.

The first comment of the original submission is the most pertinent - the policy and process are complicated and obscure in the extreme and your policies remain incomprehensible.

It is not at all clear from policies M3 and M4 what are the consequences of sites being included in the areas of possible minerals extraction. For places such as Eynsham where substantial residential and business development is proposed on sites which are in part included in your 'minerals' areas, this could mean development which would be of very high economic value is prevented or delayed by very low value extraction of gravel on sites which have not proved to be viable in the past.

It also remains the case that the LAA evidence clearly shows a falling need for newly won gravel, which is not a result of the economic downturn, which is also clearly visible in the evidence as a separate dip in demand, yet OCC has chosen to ignore the evidence and adopt a methodology because that is the methodology they have always used in the past - as if that is an adequate reason in the face of disruptive technical changes such as the huge increase in recycling of aggregates, some of which takes place at a site in Eynsham. It should be noted that this site is far more viable as a recycling plant than any of the nearby small-scale gravel pits - now long since abandoned - ever were.

Yours sincerely
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