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To: Day, Peter - E&E

Subject: Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update – Clanfield/Bampton area

Dear Mr Day

I am distressed to hear that the attempt to mine gravel near Clanfield and Bampton has not, as I had thought, been abandoned altogether. The damage to the local communities were this plan to be allowed is enormous.

The local roads are absolutely not able to take the huge increase in heavy traffic.

The settlements of Clanfield and Bampton are full of highly protected buildings which would be damaged by the onslaught of heavy lorries, and the streets would become extremely dangerous for their residents.

In the case of Bampton, permission has been granted for huge housing developments on its periphery which, combined, will mean an extra 1000 cars added to the current motor car population. This itself will create considerable congestion problems in the village, without the huge addition of lorry movements.

Bampton has worked extremely hard to develop a tourist destination for West Oxfordshire on the back of the filming of Downton Abbey. Up to a quarter of a million pounds will have been raised and spent in order to provide an excellent tourism experience. This would be destroyed by the influx of mining traffic.

Our friends and neighbours, in the form of the Royal Air Force at Brize Norton, will surely be concerned about the increase, even temporarily, of water surfaces near here. Bird strikes kill pilots and passengers alike and the chances would be hugely increased by more large bodies of water.

I am given to understand that the gravel available in this location is both shallow and low grade. Surely it is completely clear that the benefits are massively outweighed by the disadvantages in this case. I do urge you to confirm the earlier decision that this was an inappropriate application.

Best wishes

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