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Oxfordshire County Council

Dear Mr Day

Minerals and Waste Consultation

1. Gravel: Bampton /Clanfield area.

The concerns for the extraction of gravel in the Bampton and Clanfield area have been well voiced in response to previous consultations. These concerns are well represented by OCC (Oxfordshire County Council) in Policy/paragraph 4.33 MM17. This paragraph states Quote “An assessment undertaken as part of the sustainability appraisal of the plan has shown that excluding the areas around Bampton and Clanfield is the more sustainable option” Unquote. The total lack of a suitable roads infrastructure is well documented. Also to note is that vast tracts of countryside could be laid bare for very little return, owing to the shallow deposits of gravel in the area. The statement by OCC for the exclusion of the Bampton/Clanfield area for gravel extraction should be regarded as the correct decision.

2. Safeguarding Mineral Resources – Crushed Rock

An area South of Burford is recommended for safeguarding for the extraction of "Crushed Rock" This area has been well used over many hundreds of years for the extraction of rock for building material. Many ancient "drift mines" can still be seen in the area. The abundance of rock suitable for building is apparent in local buildings and in the stone walls that are a prominent feature of the district. The safeguarding of this area for future extraction of building material would appear to be paramount for the future of the building industry in and around Oxfordshire. The site is ideally situated with easy access to the A40 and onwards to the A34 and A361. The A40 can be reached, either directly or via B4477, without vehicles having to travel through any of the local villages and is remote from major areas of settlement. This may also be the last area in West Oxfordshire where commercially viable deposits of stone can be quarried without encroaching on areas of AONB status. Other areas have already been developed for housing or industrial use. It is considered imperative that this area is safeguarded for future extraction of stone. I support OCC in the safeguarding of this area

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