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Dear Mr Day

**Re: Council's consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the
Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 - Core Strategy
and Sustainability Appraisal Report Update.**

I am writing to you as Chair of Kencot Parish Meeting and on behalf of the residents of Kencot to oppose gravel extraction in this area.

I understand that up to 100 fully laden lorry trips would be made each day on roads that are often narrow and windy and therefore not fit for purpose for their use. The physical condition of these roads is already appalling and the weight and frequency of this proposed traffic would severely exacerbate the situation.

As there is now no public transport residents leaving the village do so by using the two roads on to the B4477, one is actually on a bend in the road and the other is on a crossroad at the head of the bend. This road is already a major feeder road for RAF Brize Norton and the 30 mph speed restriction in both directions is rarely heeded. As a result of this the village has an active working party, Kencot Action for Road Safety (KARS), which is in consultation with Oxfordshire County Council to bring down traffic speed on both the B4477 and through the village.

Whilst I have specifically written on behalf of Kencot the same problems are repeated throughout the proposed area of extraction with up to 800 lorry trips a day for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to contend with. It would not be a case of if but when the first major accident occurred.

In conclusion this area is not suitable for extraction on this level and the proposal should be rejected.

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