

From: Stefan Ball
Sent: 23 September 2015 13:44
To: Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E
Subject: Objection to the OCC's revised draft plans for gravel extraction

Dear sirs

I have seen and am objecting to the revised draft proposals for gravel extraction in Oxfordshire. Oxfordshire County Council has failed to follow government guidelines that recommend calculating the Local Aggregate Assessment using a historical ten-year average of mineral sales. This, despite accepting in 2014 a LAA made in the Hives report, which used the ten-year average.

If the LAA had been calculated using government guidelines there would be no need for further gravel extraction sites in Oxfordshire for many years. I object to OCC changing the basis of the LAA calculation with its new consultants, as this is the only way they have managed to come up with such a high LAA.

It seems OCC have started from the basis that they want to extract more gravel, and have chosen the methodology that gives them the figures they need, rather than conducting a proper assessment and consultation as to local need.

I would like to add that I have seen and agree with the findings of the Gardner Representation produced by Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE.

Yours faithfully

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