

From: Stephen Fortune
Sent: 23 September 2015 19:38
To: Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E
Subject: Objection to the Gravel Pit

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have seen the Gardner Representation produced by Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE and fully support the points made. I see that government guidelines (the NPPF) advise using a historical 10-year average of minerals sales when calculating the LAA. Most neighbouring counties use this or very similar methodology. The original LAA proposed by campaign groups from across the county (the Hives report, which used the 10-year average as its basis) was accepted by OCC in the summer of 2014. This would have meant that there would be no need for new gravel extraction sites in the county for many years. I find it objectionable that OCC then abandoned the 10-year average methodology when it hired its own new set of consultants who produced a much higher LAA that is completely out of step with the 10-year average.

Yours trully,

Stephen Fortune