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To  
The Mineral & Waste Core Strategy Consultation  
Environment and Economy  
Planning Regulation (Minerals and Waste)  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Speedwell House, Speedwell Street  
Oxford OX1 1NE

I have seen the Gardner Representation produced by Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE and fully support the points made.

I am deeply concerned that the OCC have now abandoned the method used to calculate the number of tons of gravel required – the LAA - , a method the OCC had accepted in 2014, which is used by many neighbouring counties, and which the government guidelines (the NPPF) advise using. It appears the public were denied the opportunity to question the new method of calculating the LAA. OXAGE research suggests the new method would produce more gravel than is needed, making the County a net exporter of gravel. As this will be at huge cost to local communities, I wonder why the OCC is taking this line, and why it has abandoned the method of calculation it had previously accepted. Neither has OCC properly indicated the potential sites and set out the formal evidence for choosing each site. I am deeply concerned at the way the OCC has gone about this plan, not properly following government policy and not properly carrying out the Local Aggregate Assessment.

I am not representing any particular group though I welcome the work done by OXAGE. I am writing as a member of the public, resident in Cholsey, and deeply concerned that the village, and any other village in Oxfordshire, should not be blighted by unnecessary gravel extraction, due to an unsound plan.

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