

From: Bob Picken
Sent: 24 September 2015 18:53
To: Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E
Subject: Oxfordshire Council's revised Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have seen the Gardner Representation produced by Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE in relation to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and fully support the points made. The report concludes that the Plan is unsound, fails the test of legal compliance and the duty to co-operate. I am particularly disturbed by the lack of consultation with parish councils and the public generally when it suddenly increased the LAA (the number of tons of gravel required in the plan) even though it found the resources and time to consult mineral producers towards the end of 2014. The public were deprived of an opportunity to question the flawed methods used and the inflated outcome reached by yet another set of consultants hired at great expense by OCC. It seems extraordinary that, at a time when budgets are being slashed, OCC is prepared to waste resources on such a shoddy piece of work that is bound to be challenged (with resulting additional costs for all involved).

Yours faithfully,

Robert Picken