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**Sent:** 25 September 2015 10:24  
**To:** Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E  
**Subject:** Revised Draft Gravel Plans ref Wallingford

Sir,

I wish to register my objection to the failure by Oxfordshire County Council to follow HMG policy in respect of the assessment of Local Aggregate. I have seen the Gardner Representation produced by Gardner Planning on behalf of OXAGE and fully support the points made.

As you must surely be aware that, had the assessment of Local Aggregate been done properly, currently permitted sites already in existence would have sufficient reserves to meet Oxfordshire's needs for the next 10 years. There would be no need for new sand and gravel pits anywhere in Oxfordshire.

It is neither democratic nor acceptable that OCC failed to consult parish councils and the public generally, when it suddenly and without notice 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.

This is a shoddy plan which is contrary to government policy. It is therefore not based on law. Furthermore, this third-rate plan was not consulted on at appropriate stages.

I find it astonishing that, while OCC were satisfied with a much lower LAA at this time last year (produced by experts hired by campaign groups), they then hired different consultants who, using spurious and circular arguments, produced a figure nearly 50% higher at the turn of the year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Titia Bray