

Response from Newington Parish Council to Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Consultation

To:-

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

Newington Parish Council is an active member of PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction), are in receipt of the report prepared by Gardner Planning and are wholly in support of the submission to the current public consultation made by the PAGE Chairman John Taylor. We support the submission in its assertions that:-

1. the OCC Minerals & Waste Core Strategy is not legally compliant because it has not been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement;
2. the OCC Minerals & Waste Core Strategy is unsound for the following reasons:
 - Quantification (M2) - the Plan is not based on the '10 year average' of Government policy but relies on 'local information' which is unsupported by "robust information to justify deviation from the starting point of the 10 years rolling sales average".
 - A lack of specific site identification – the Plan only identifies very broad (and large) 'strategic resource areas' without submitting any evidence base. This will lead to widespread blight.
 - Unsupported assertions about site location (paragraphs 4.28 - 4.33) - the specificity of paragraph 4.31 is entirely based on assertion, not a 'robust evidence base', to identify "a new working area" in Area 5 and is entirely unfounded, and strangely at odds with a 'no-sites' plan.

Please acknowledge receipt of this response.

Yours,

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