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**To:** Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E **Subject:** Proposed Gravel Extraction in Cholsey

28/9/15

## Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Cholsey I write to suggest, yet again, that this is not the best area for a gravel pit. The report prepared by Geoff Gardner is succinct and factual. I simply highlight a couple of points from his report and write on behalf of my husband and myself who live in Cholsey and as a worker in the very close proximity to the proposed site.

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

I find it astonishing that OCC were happy with a much lower LAA this time last year (produced by experts hired by campaign groups), but then hired different consultants who, using spurious and circular arguments, produced a figure nearly 50% higher at the turn of the year. OCC then managed to consult mineral producers on the LAA but deliberately failed to consult the public at large.

To get it wrong once despite all the input from well-informed campaign groups and the public at large could be described as a regrettable waste of public money on OCC's part. To get it so wrong yet again this time around suggests that OCC has some ulterior motive, such as making the county a net exporter of gravel, and is not in the least bothered about wasting public money.

I trust you will listen to the comments of the locals and come to a fair decision. Yours faithfully, Katrina Foster

## **Katrina Foster**