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To: C&E Berkshire Consultation

Subject: Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Issues and Options

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 'Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Issues and Options Consultation Paper'.

This is a response at officer level from West Berkshire Council (WBC).

The importance of planning for aggregates is recognised by the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities (CEBAs), as are the requirements under the Managed Aggregate Supply System (MASS). WBC supports this and WBC officers are willing to help the CEBA's achieve this through the Duty to Cooperate (DTC) and through sharing available data where appropriate.

Through the Issues and Options, the CEBA's highlight the importance of driving waste up the waste hierarchy and this is supported by WBC. It is also recognised by the CEBA's that the current waste management capacity within the plan area would not be sufficient to achieve net self-sufficiency. If this cannot be achieved this would need to be addressed during plan making via communication with other relevant waste planning authorities through the DTC.

We would be interested to know about any minerals and waste site nominations that are put forward in close proximity to the border with West Berkshire. This is due to likely cross-boundary issues and again we are sure that this can be addressed through the DTC.

Although not directly related to this Issues and Options consultation, we note Wokingham's recent response/holding objection to the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Preferred Options consultation and we hope that we can clarify and resolve these issues via DTC correspondence/meetings.

For clarity the following documents have not been examined by West Berkshire officers:

- Minerals: Background Study
- Waste: Background Study
- Methodology Reports (including for assessment of Sites, Transport & Landscape)
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) -
- Habitats Regulations Assessment: Methodology and Baseline
- Consultation Strategy
- Equalities Impact Assessment.

We look forward to being consulted on the further stages of the emerging Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

Kind regards,

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