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Dear Sir,

**Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities - Joint Minerals and Waste Plan:
Additional Call for Sites**

Bracknell Forest Council, Reading Borough Council, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Wokingham Borough Council (collectively referred to as the 'Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities') are working in partnership to produce a Joint Minerals & Waste Plan which will guide minerals and waste decision-making in the Plan area.

The Joint Minerals & Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area. It will set out a new Vision along with replacing the policies currently in place. It will also provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver the Vision. It will include consideration of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. It will also establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives.

The Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities are asking mineral and waste site operators and land owners to put forward site proposals for consideration for minerals and waste uses, including any aspirations for existing sites to either extend or widen the range of operations or facilities. This process was undertaken in the spring of 2017, with a 'Call for Sites' consultation to invite nominations for land to be considered for future minerals and waste operations in the area going forward over the next 15-20 years.

The sites assessment process will help to identify whether there are suitable sites within Central & Eastern Berkshire to meet demands. Whilst a number of sites were nominated as a result of the previous 'call for sites' consultation, it is clear that additional land for sites will be required to meet the anticipated need arising from the evidence base assessments.

The Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities are therefore engaging in a further round of consultation to seek nominations for **additional land** that wasn't submitted previously to aid in the production of the Minerals and Waste Plan. We would like to invite landowners, agents or potential developers, to put forward additional land for consideration.

We are looking for sites for the following minerals and waste uses;

- Soft sand or sharp sand and gravel;
- Mineral railheads;
- Aggregate recycling and secondary aggregate processing facilities.
- Waste to energy facilities;
- Composting/recycling facilities;
- Waste transfer sites;
- Inert landfill (associated with quarry restoration).

This request is for sites that **were not** nominated through the first Call for Sites consultation in the spring and do not constitute existing working sites/facilities. There is therefore no need to resubmit any potential sites that have already been nominated. All proposed sites will then be progressed through the site assessment process to identify whether they are suitable sites that meet the specified requirements within Central & Eastern Berkshire to meet demands.

In order to help us assess the sites, we require some essential background information about the site, including what the proposal is for, its location (including a map), and ownership information (including contact information if different). Additional information will then be sought through follow up communication.

We would therefore like to invite you in your role of one of landowner, agent or potential developer, to put forward site(s) for consideration for future minerals and waste uses. Any interested party should respond by 5.00pm on **Friday 24th November 2017**.

Please note that all nominations should be sent to Hampshire Services via email: jceb@hants.gov.uk or using the postal address given at the top of this letter.

Information on how the site will be assessed is set out in the Issues and Options sites methodology document: <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/planning-strategic/JCEBSiteAssessmentMethodologyFinalVersionJune2017.pdf>

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