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Dear Sir/Madam,

Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Additional Regulation 18 (Site Specific) Consultation on the Potential Allocation of the Bray Quarry Extension Site

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

The Joint Minerals and Waste Plan will build upon the formerly adopted minerals and waste plans for the Berkshire area, eventually providing replacement policies based on up to date evidence of the current levels of provision for minerals and waste facilities in the Plan area. Importantly, the Plan aims to establish the future levels of provision required to meet national and regional policy targets and objectives. It will set out a new vision of how this will be achieved and provide details of strategic sites that we propose will deliver the vision.

The ‘Draft Plan’ consultation in Summer / Autumn 2018 set out the proposed approach for the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. This followed the ‘Issues and Options’ consultation in Summer 2017. As a result of the responses received and consideration of local circumstances, the draft policies and proposed allocations are being reviewed and will be amended accordingly to inform the preparation of the Proposed Submission Plan.

Following the ‘Draft Plan’ consultation, it was decided to hold a further ‘call for site’ exercise inviting site nominations from industry, agents and landowners. Bray Quarry Extension was the only site proposed. An initial assessment of the site has been undertaken and it has been concluded that it may potentially be suitable to be allocated for sand and gravel extraction, although no decisions have been made at this stage.

You are invited to submit comments on whether the Bray Quarry Extension site should be allocated for sand and gravel extraction in the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan. There is no need to repeat previous comments made on the plan.

There is one consultation document supporting the site-specific consultation and it can be found by visiting www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Documents are also available for inspection during normal working hours at all libraries within the Royal Borough. More details of these libraries can be found at https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/directory/7/find_a_library.

A consultation response form is available to complete online or can be downloaded from www.hants.gov.uk/berksconsult

Please send completed hard copies of the response form to the address provided at the top of this letter.

The responses received from this focussed site-specific Regulation 18 consultation will inform the Proposed Submission Plan (Regulation 19) which is being prepared by Hampshire Services on behalf of Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities.

The site-specific Draft Plan Consultation will be launched on 9 July 2019 and will run for six weeks, closing at 5pm on 19 August 2019.

Yours faithfully,

*Hampshire Services



*Hampshire Services, part of Hampshire County Council, is working in collaboration with the Central & Eastern Berkshire Authorities to assist them in the preparation of the Joint Minerals & Waste Plan. Data sharing statements are outlined on the consultation Response Form.