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Dear Ms Bust and Mr Palmer,

Central and Eastern Berkshire – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan: Main Matters

We have now received confirmation from the Environment Agency (letter dated 30 November 2021) that they no longer have concerns regarding soundness in relation to the Revised Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA).

As such, we have finalised the SFRA and the proposed Main Modifications. The Main Modifications are supported by a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Addendum, Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) (SA/SEA) Addendum and Revised Policies Map.

The Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities formally request that you recommend Main Modifications under Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 [as amended] and have expressed a desire to commence the public consultation on the Main Modifications before Christmas.

Due to the need for the Authorities to gain approval for the Main Modifications consultation, a suggested start date of 4 February 2022 is proposed. The consultation would run for six weeks and therefore, would close 18 March 2022.

Please find appended the proposed Main Modifications, Revised SFRA, HRA Addendum, SA/SEA Addendum and Revised Policies Map. The proposed Additional Modifications are also appended for information purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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