

# Policy and Programmes

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Central and Eastern Berkshire Authorities – Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Proposed Main Modification Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan ('the Plan').

The Councils welcome the Plan's objectives to help mitigate the causes of, and adapt to, climate change, and to achieve a net reduction in minerals and waste miles.

Our previous response to the October 2020 Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation recommended that the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan should:

- have a stronger policy requirement to reduce the mineral and waste miles between the sources of waste and minerals and their destinations; and
- monitor the number of miles currently required to supply minerals and dispose of waste in order to identify whether the Plan does achieve a net reduction in minerals and waste miles.

Having reviewed the Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals & Waste Plan Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications, we are concerned that our recommendations have not been considered nor implemented. We consider that CO2 emissions caused by repeated long distance journey between the sources of minerals and waste to their destinations will have an increasing negative impact on the Plan's ability to achieve mitigations against a major cause of climate change. We suggest this is addressed in policy DM12 Sustainable Transport Movements.

Kind regards,

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