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Dear Sir/Madam

Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation

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

The Council support the Plan and 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.

The key diagram shows large flows of both minerals and waste, into and out of the area respectively. For example, the disposal of non-hazardous household waste at Sutton Courtney landfill. While we recognise that there are currently limited opportunities in Central and Eastern Berkshire to increase the use of sustainable transportation measures for minerals and waste development, we consider that there is the opportunity for the Plan to do more in terms of reducing the carbon emissions caused by transporting minerals and waste. We are pleased that the Plan supports minerals and waste development that contribute towards mitigating the causes of climate change. However, we would be keen to understand why the Plan does not promote and prioritise this type of minerals and waste development above other forms.

We would welcome a stronger policy requirement and/or prioritisation to encourage and ensure that minerals and waste sites permitted in the future reduce the distance between the sources of waste and minerals and their destinations. A strategic sequential approach that gives significant weight to minerals and waste development that would reduce these distances and subsequently reduce carbon emissions. We

also consider it important to 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.

Kind regards,



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