

## Central and Eastern Berkshire Joint Minerals & Waste Plan

### **Main Matter 3 – Whether the Plan makes adequate provision for the steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals**

#### **Question 3.7 - Why has it not been possible to allocate additional sites or consider Preferred Areas?**

##### Bray Quarry extension site allocation

We had three soundness points for the allocation of this site in the Berkshire minerals and waste local plan. These were about ground water quality, water supply and the flood risk sequential test. The soundness points were, not consistent with national policy not justified or effective. These points were set out in our letters dated 16 August 2019 and 22 January 2020. These responses are attached.

The planning authority has sent us further information dated 17 March 2021 which has enabled us to remove our soundness points on groundwater quality and water supply. We have responded to the planning authority regarding these matters in our letter dated 06 September 2021. This response is attached.

If the Bray Quarry extension site is included in the local plan then the sequential test soundness point will be looked at under matter 3 under another question.

##### Appendices

Appendix 1 Environment Agency response dated 16 August 2019

Appendix 2 Environment Agency response dated 22 January 2020

Appendix 3 Environment Agency response dated 06 September 2021