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Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Critique

Cllr Dr MW Griffin, Yateley Town Council, 10th February 2026

The Plan is a reasonable account of the Minerals and Waste associated with the county of Hampshire. However, given that minerals and their extraction form an important part of the Plan, it is strange that no geological overview is given. Typically, the geology of Hampshire can be described as follows (Source: AI Assistant, in italic font below):

Key Geological Features:

- ***Chalk Downlands (Upper Cretaceous):*** *The majority of central Hampshire consists of Chalk, which forms the dominant upland areas and the rims of the basin.*
- ***Hampshire Basin (Paleogene):*** *The southern part of the county, including the New Forest and the Solent coast, is filled with younger, less consolidated clays, sands, and gravels (Lambeth, Thames, and Bracklesham Groups).*
- ***Superficial Deposits (Quaternary):*** *Widespread patchy deposits of gravel, sand, and clay cover much of the area, particularly along major river valleys and the coast, reflecting ice age and interglacial activity.*
- ***Structure:*** *The region is part of the Wessex Basin, with structures often reflecting deeper Palaeozoic faults.*
- ***Economic Geology:*** *The area is rich in sand and gravel resources used for construction, as well as historically significant ironstones.*

The topography is divided between the higher, steeper chalk hills to the north and the low-lying, easily eroded coastal plain to the south.

What is also missed in the Plan is how the nature of the geology and geomorphology affects the type of mineral extraction, itself exclusively based on sedimentary deposits since there are no other types of rock.

This should be accompanied by an explanation of why there are no ‘heavy element’ minerals in Hampshire, such as lead, iron ore, copper etc., other than the ironstones mentioned above (but not mentioned in the Plan). This in turn is because the county is geologically a mix of sedimentary deposits such as clays, sands and gravels, with no plutons, batholiths or other igneous intrusions usually associated with the mineralised zone on the fringes of igneous rocks (such as the copper mines of Cornwall surrounding the Cornubian Batholith).

For the same reason, metamorphic rocks are virtually absent from the county. The authors do not point this out – thereby missing a chance to put the Plan into a more sensible and useful geological context.