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To whom it may concern,


Fordingbridge Town Council submits this representation in response to the Regulation 24 consultation on the Proposed Modifications to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan. The Council notes that the Proposed Modifications make only limited changes to the Midgham Farm allocation, including modest reductions in site area and mineral yield and revisions to the development considerations. In the Council's view, these changes do not address the fundamental concerns previously raised regarding the suitability, deliverability and sustainability of the site. In particular, the Council is concerned that the allocation continues to rely on access arrangements via Hillbury Road, which lies within Dorset rather than the host authority area. The revised wording requiring liaison with Dorset Council, a Transport Assessment assessing route suitability and cumulative impacts, and the removal of earlier assertions regarding the suitability of local roads for HGV traffic, confirms that transport impacts remain unresolved at the plan-making stage. The replacement of a requirement for a routing agreement with wording that such an agreement "may be required" further weakens confidence in the deliverability of the allocation. For these reasons, and as set out in the below detailed representation, Fordingbridge Town Council considers that the Midgham Farm allocation is not justified, not effective and not consistent with national policy. The Council therefore objects to its continued inclusion in the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan and requests that the site be removed.

Fordingbridge Town Council notes the Proposed Modifications to the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan and, in particular, the changes to the transport and routing wording for the Midgham Farm allocation.

The Council notes that the Proposed Modifications remove earlier assertions that Harbridge Drove and the B3081 are suitable routes for HGV traffic, replace the requirement for a routing agreement with wording that such an agreement "may be required", and introduce further requirements for transport assessment, cumulative impact analysis and liaison with Dorset Council.

The Council considers that these changes weaken confidence in the deliverability of the allocation and confirm that transport impacts remain unresolved at the plan-making stage. Fordingbridge Town Council therefore objects to the continued inclusion of Midgham Farm as a proposed allocation in the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan and requests that the site be removed.

Kind regards,


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