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Dear Sirs

Curdridge Parish Council (CPC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan: Partial Update (Submission Plan, July 2024), hereafter the 'Plan'..

CPC's comments relate specifically to the safeguarded waste management site at Silverlake Garage, Row Ash, Shedfield, (Silverlake) which lies adjacent to the parish boundary and has a direct impact on the amenity, environment and highway network of the parish.

Safeguarding of the existing site

CPC notes that the Silverlake site is identified in Appendix B as an existing safeguarded waste management facility under Policy 26. CPC recognises the role that established waste facilities play in the county-wide waste management network and does not object, in principle, to the safeguarding of the site for its current lawful use. However, the CPC is concerned that safeguarding should not be interpreted as support for the expansion, intensification or diversification of activities at the site.

We refer to Hampshire County Council's previous HMWP emerging Partial Review in Spring 2021 that **assessed this site as unsuitable for extension**. The Site Proposal Study (October 2023), which summarised in Table 7 that the reason for this was "Impacts on countryside, Grade 3 BMV Land, Listed Building setting, Flooding and Nature Conservation." Accordingly, HCC has not allocated the site in the emerging Local Plan.

We therefore suggest that the Partial Update should clarify that the safeguarding of the Silverlake Garage is limited to its existing boundary only.

Need for clarity on limits to future development

Given the site's proximity to residential areas and the cumulative impacts experienced from existing operations on the quiet enjoyment of those neighbouring dwellings, CPC considers it essential that the Plan makes clear that:

- Safeguarding of the Silverlake site does not imply policy support for increased capacity, extended operating hours, or the introduction of additional waste streams or processes.
- Proposals must be assessed rigorously against cumulative impacts, particularly in relation to traffic, noise, air quality, visual impact and effects on residential amenity.

Importantly, paragraph 4.37 of the supporting text to the existing Policy 5 of the HMWP clarifies that "waste uses and other mineral developments that are not specifically linked to natural occurrence of a mineral should be located in urban areas." As such, an end of life car recycling site is not specifically linked to natural occurrence of a mineral and therefore under the Plan any future development should be located in urban areas.

The new Plan should continue to recognise that the location of the waste use is a key consideration for new development and development in rural locations should be avoided.

Protection of neighbouring communities

The Parish Council requests that greater emphasis is placed, either through policy wording or supporting text, on protecting communities adjacent to safeguarded waste sites. In particular, decision-making should give significant weight to:

- Historic and ongoing amenity impacts arising from existing operations, including but not limited to noise, light pollution and environmental impacts;
- The capacity and suitability of the local highway network for additional HGV movements;
- The risks in the event of a fire at the site and the impact on neighbouring residents;
- The health, safety and wellbeing of nearby residents.
- The impact on locally listed buildings and any protected environmental features, such as Tree Protection Orders and agricultural land.

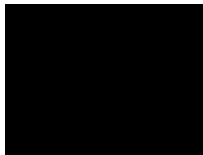
CPC considers it important that the Plan clearly signals that safeguarding does not override the duty to protect local communities from unacceptable harm.

Conclusion

CPC therefore requests that the Plan is clarified to ensure that safeguarding of the Silverlake site is strictly limited to the continuation of its existing role, and that any future development proposals are subject to a high policy threshold and robust scrutiny.

CPC would welcome continued engagement with the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority on matters affecting this site and its impact on neighbouring communities.

Yours faithfully



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