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Dear Sirs

**CENTRAL & EASTERN BERKSHIRE AUTHORITIES – JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN:
REGULATION 18 ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION, June 2017**

We appreciate being consulted.

Winkfield Parish Council's (WPC) main core business is providing high quality community facilities and to this end we are keen to ensure that the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan is robust enough to provide well for our community now and into the long term future. However, we are not experts in this field and although appreciated, the background documentation is too technical in places for us to fully understand and therefore comment in detail.

The overarching comments that we would like to be taken into account are:

1. The Plan should be for 20 years from the date of adoption and not 20 years from the date when the first stages of the update/consultation commenced. If necessary updates/amendments can be made to the adopted policy as has been done to the policy presently in place.
2. Plans should aim to include over and above the anticipated increase in housing numbers – looking only to the next 20 years is not sufficient. Future development in this area will need to deliver a high proportion of smaller affordable homes. Future housing increases will need to take account of the future expansion of Heathrow airport. The need for more housing has increased year on year for many years and there is no indication that this trend will reverse. We cannot plan just for today and the next 20 years - we have to look at the much longer term. The new Plan should have capacity to cope with increasing demands past 2036.

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3. The road network in Berkshire is currently inadequate to cope with existing traffic movements, therefore WPC very much favours the movement of minerals and waste by other means ie rail and water.
4. Future sites should be sensitively chosen in order to negate impact on communities.
5. Every avenue should be explored to reduce the amount of landfill – the public need concise information and it is imperative that the same information and level of accessibility to recycling services/centres should be available country-wide. This is paramount to increasing the public's appetite to recycle. If it is too difficult and the procedures are not clear the public will not recycle. Locally we have already seen a decline in the amount of recycling over the past 3 years – this trend must be reversed.

Yours faithfully

FOR WINKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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