Dear Sirs.

West Berkshire Council is in the process of developing a new strategic minerals and waste plan for the District. This plan, once adopted, will set the strategy for minerals and waste development within the District over the period covered by the plan. As part of this plan making process it is intended that a number of minerals and waste sites, that are necessary to meet the overarching strategy, will be identified.

You may recall that alongside our previous Issues and Options Consultation for the emerging Minerals and Waste Local Plan we launched a "Call for Sites" whereby we invited landowners, operators and any other interested party to put forward potential minerals and waste development sites for potential inclusion within the emerging plan.

The Council is carrying out an assessment of the various site submissions that have been made, however we consider that our ongoing site assessment process would be benefitted by a public consultation on the sites that have been submitted.

Although such a consultation is not a statutory requirement the Council considers that the views of members of the public, and other interested parties, at this early stage in the process would clearly be advantageous and give local people the opportunity to make comments on the sites that have been promoted.

The public consultation on the submitted sites will run from Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> July through to Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> August (a 5 week period). Further information and the consultation document can be found on the Council's website <a href="www.westberks.gov.uk/mwdpd">www.westberks.gov.uk/mwdpd</a> and available to view at the Council Offices in Market Street, Newbury. The consultation material can also be viewed online at those libraries across the District which provide public access computers.

Representations on this consultation can be made using one of the following methods:

- Online using the consultation portal (http://consult.westberks.gov.uk/portal);
- By email (<u>mwdpd@westberks.gov.uk</u>);
- By fax (01635 519408):
- Or by post to the Minerals and Waste Planning Team, Planning & Countryside, West Berkshire District Council, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire. RG14 5LD.

Please ensure that all representations are made in writing and arrive prior to the close of the consultation period on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Minerals and Waste team via the above e-mail address or phone 01635 519111 and ask to speak to them.

Regards

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