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Dear Sir/Madam,

Erection of 50 new dwellings together with access, landscaping and open space at Land south of Lower Road, Havant.

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council (HCC) as the mineral planning authority (MPA) with regards to the above planning application.

The proposed development lies within the mineral and waste consultation area (MWCA) – Minerals section. This area is informed by the mineral safeguarding area (MSA) as defined through **Policy 15: Safeguarding – mineral resources** of the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2013) (HMWP) and indicates where viable, safeguarded mineral resources are likely to be present.

The purpose of this policy is to protect potentially economically viable mineral resource deposits from needless and unnecessary sterilisation. The policy seeks to encourage the recovery, where possible, of potential viable mineral resources prior to development, this concept is known as prior-extraction.

Prior-extraction offers potential opportunities to reuse recovered minerals within the development itself or upcycle them to nearby aggregate recycling facilities. This in turn has strong potential to reduce the amount of waste generated through excavation on site as well as reducing the need for imported construction material.

The County Council as the MPA take this opportunity to request further exploratory work to be undertaken on site and submitted to the MPA in the form of a minerals safeguarding report or assessment. This report should include empirical data of underlying geological stratigraphy captured by borehole or trial pit sampling, as well as recommendations on how the use of

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any minerals present could be maximised (ideally established through discussions with a local mineral operator). The report will enable the MPA to interpret the data and provide a position in relation to **Policy 15** and make a recommendation for the extent of prior extraction and for suitable conditions to be incorporated if appropriate.

In the absence of further information on the mineral potential of the area and/or how this mineral potential will be handled by the development, the proposal is considered to be contrary to **Policy 15** of the adopted HMWP.

Hampshire County Council is available to discuss this further with Havant Borough Council, as well as the applicant, in forming a suitable agreement following the receipt of the required information.

Further information on safeguarding and Hampshire County Council's approach to it is available in the adopted Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document, which can be found on our website:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home/hmwp-spds.htm>

Yours faithfully,

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