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Dear Sir/Madam,

Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the development of up to 140 residential dwellings (C3 Use), with access from Meyrick Road, the provision of open space, landscaping and other associated works including demolition of existing buildings on site at Land at Kingscroft Farm adjacent to Ridgway and, Marples Way, Havant.

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council as the mineral planning authority (MPA) on the above planning application.

The proposed development lies within the mineral and waste consultation area – 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 economically viable mineral resource deposits from needless and unnecessary sterilisation, in line with Chapter 17 of the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF). The policy seeks to maximise the recovery of viable mineral resources prior to development, this concept is known as prior extraction.

Prior extraction is beneficial as it recovers minerals which can either be reused within the development itself, processed at a nearby aggregate recycling facility. The recovered mineral would contribute towards the local aggregate requirement (as per the [Local Aggregate Assessment](#)) for Hampshire. In addition, this process can reduce the amount of waste generated through excavation as well as the need for imported construction material.

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
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The County Council, as the MPA, consider that the site has significant mineral potential and request further exploratory work to be undertaken on site. This information must be submitted to the MPA in the form of a Mineral Resource Assessment (MRA) and should include, as a minimum, empirical data of underlying geological stratigraphy captured by borehole or trial pit sampling, undertaken on the application site. Please note a desk-based review and / or boreholes taken from outside the application site boundary will be insufficient and therefore not considered by the MPA. Recommendations on how the use of any minerals present could be maximised, ideally established through discussions with a local mineral operator must also be provided to the MPA. More information on the requirements of an MRA can be found in the [Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document \(SPD\)](#).

It is also noted that an area of land to the west of the proposal site appears to be under the same site ownership. This piece of land also falls within the MSA and if this area is being considered for the future expansion of the proposed development, this area should be included in any MRA produced.

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.

Further information on Hampshire County Council's approach to safeguarding is available in the adopted [Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire SPD](#).

Yours faithfully,

Andy Denton
Policy Officer