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Dear Mr. D Eaves,

Outline application for residential development (175 dwellings) with associated infrastructure at Land South of Bartons Road, Havant.

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

As you have stated in your letter inviting HCC for comments, the proposed development lies within the mineral consultation area (MCA). 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).

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 upcycled 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 for Havant Borough would 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. This will enable the MPA to interpret the data and provide a position in relation to **Policy 15** and

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make recommendation to Havant Borough Council for suitable conditions to be incorporated if appropriate.

Existing borehole data captured approximately 200m to the south of the proposed site boundary provided by the British Geological Survey show potential for viable mineral deposits, with over 3.5m of fine to coarse grain gavel underlying 0.8m of overburden. This indicates potential for economically viable mineral deposits to exist within the proposed boundary based on their juxtaposition.

Hampshire County Council shall be willing to discuss this further with Havant Borough Council as well as the applicant in forming a suitable agreement following the reception of the required information.

Further information on what is required on behalf of the applicant/developer can be found within the Draft SPD addressing safeguarding in Hampshire. This is available via the link below. The document is to be fully adopted by the end of February 2016 and will be available via our website.

<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/consultation-2015/MineralsandWasteSafeguardinginHampshireSPDJune2015.pdf>

Thank you for consulting.

Yours sincerely,



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