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Dear Sir/Madam,

Outline planning permission for 125 residential units and a water retention area all matters reserved except access and levels at Land west of Horndean Road and south of Southleigh Road, Emsworth

Thank you for consulting County Planning at Hampshire County Council on the above application. As the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority (MWPAs) for the Havant Borough, we have the following comments to make.

MWPAs are required by National Planning Policy to define areas of known mineral resources and protect these areas from needless sterilisation as a result of non-mineral development, by adopting the appropriate planning policies.

As mentioned in our previous response to the EIA scoping opinion consultation, the proposed site falls completely within a Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA). The MSA also incorporates the large area of land adjacent to the site's western boundary - all of which has been safeguarded due to underlying sand and gravel resources.

Minerals are important and finite resources that can only be worked where they are naturally found. The land to the West of the proposed site is largely undeveloped and the County Council is keen to prevent the piecemeal sterilisation of large areas of mineral resource as a result of a number of small non-mineral developments taking place.

County Planning is currently unable to assess whether there is an opportunity for prior extraction of the mineral resource, as a minerals assessment has not been submitted with the application. We would like to request a copy of a

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minerals assessment report if possible, and are withholding objection at this point until we have had a chance to review the relevant information (i.e the report and any referenced borehole data).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lewis Smith
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