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Dear Sir/Madam

Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Preferred Approach consultation

Please feedback your views between Wednesday 23 October and Wednesday 4 December 2013

Nottinghamshire County Council has a statutory duty to publish an up-to-date Minerals Local Plan – a blueprint for future of mineral extraction in the county up to 2030.

Work on developing a revised plan has already started with the first phase of public consultation in 2012 (Issues and Options) attracting over 1,000 comments. Feedback from this consultation has been used to develop the ‘preferred approach’ for future minerals development in Nottinghamshire which sets out:

- how much mineral we are likely to need over the next 15-20 years
- where it should be worked including potential sites
- what sort of environmental standards should be in place.

Please note that due to changes in approach since the issues and options consultation, site allocations are now for all minerals extraction, including sand and gravel.

Once this consultation has finished we will consider all the responses before developing a final version of the new Minerals Local Plan which will be subject to a formal stage of consultation on the ‘soundness’ of the plan. The plan and these representations will then be considered by a government appointed independent inspector. We are expecting the final Minerals Local Plan to be adopted in 2015.

How to find out more and have your say

The main consultation document and supporting documents are available on Nottinghamshire County Council’s website at **www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals** or by using the contact details below. A paper copy of the main consultation document is available to Parish Councils on request. We have also produced a summary leaflet, which we would be happy for you to use to engage your local community in the consultation; please contact us to request copies.

We are also planning a series of exhibitions in the main libraries around Nottinghamshire during October and November; please see our website for full details.

Please share your feedback using the standard response form provided by:

Web: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals

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Email: development.planning@nottscc.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 500 80 80 (Nottinghamshire County Council's customer service centre)

Write to:

Planning Policy Team
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall
West Bridgford
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To help the environment and keep costs to a minimum, a printed copy of the main document is available for the public to view at all District Council offices in the County. A copy of the main document and all other relevant material can be inspected at County Hall.

If anyone is unable to access the internet or reach any of the above locations, we can send a printed copy of the main document although a £15 charge will normally apply to cover printing and postage. For copies of other supporting documents please call the above number for details of availability and cost.

How we will use your personal information

Consultation responses cannot be made anonymously and others will have the right to see the comments that you have made. Where these are published on the County Council's website we will make every effort to ensure that personal details such as your address, phone number, email and signature are not visible to others. However we are required to make copies of responses available to view at our offices on request and this may include original correspondence. Your information will also be passed to the Planning Inspectorate, who will use your details to contact you about the Examination. Email addresses (where provided) will be the preferred method of contact.

If you no longer wish to be contacted by the County Council about the Minerals Local Plan you can let us know and ask us to remove your details at any time. However, if you have made formal representations on the Minerals Local Plan we cannot delete your record unless you withdraw your representation which will mean it cannot be considered by an Inspector at examination. This also applies to any representations you may have made on a plan that has since been adopted. The Council has to retain all of the information and evidence, including representations that were part of preparing that plan in case of any procedural/legal challenge. Usually the information is retained until the Plan has been replaced which may take several years.

The information we hold will only be used in connection with the Minerals Local Plan and we will not pass this on to anyone unless we are required to disclose this information by law or by any government department or other regulatory authority.

What will happen when the consultation closes?

Once the consultation has closed the County Council will consider all the responses before developing the final version of the new Minerals Local Plan which will be subject to a formal stage of public consultation. The Plan and these representations will then be considered by an independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Government.

Please make sure we receive your comments by Wednesday 4 December 2013.

Yours faithfully,



Steven Osborne-James
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