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Dear Sir/Madam

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Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation

Minerals such as sand and gravel, crushed rock and clay are essential raw materials used in the construction industry to maintain the buildings and roads we all use on a daily basis. Other minerals are also used to meet our energy needs, in manufacturing processes and in the preparation of food.

Nottinghamshire is rich in a wide range of minerals including sand and gravel, gypsum and brick clay. Other minerals such as building stone, silica sand and oil are also extracted. Whilst many of our mineral resources remain plentiful we will still need to identify significant additional mineral reserves to meet expected future demand.

Our current Minerals Local Plan is out of date and we are now preparing a new plan to replace it. The new Minerals Local Plan will cover the period 2016 to 2036 and will set out how much mineral we are likely to need, site specific allocations to meet identified demand and a range of planning policies against which future minerals development will be assessed.

The Issues and Options consultation is the first, but an important, stage in preparing the new Plan. The document will set out the key issues that are expected to arise over the plan period to 2036 and what reasonable options we think exist to meet them. A series of questions has been included in the consultation document to aid discussion, however we also want to hear about any other issues you may wish to raise regarding future minerals development in Nottinghamshire.

It is important to note that any comments made on the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan withdrawn in May 2017 cannot be taken into account as part of the preparation of the new Minerals Local Plan.

The Issues and Options consultation document will not be considering or identifying new quarries. This process will be undertaken at a later stage in the Plan preparation process.

Subject to approval at Communities and Place Committee on the 9th November 2017 we will be undertaking an 8 week consultation period between **20th November 2017 and the 14th of January 2018**. We are writing to you now to ensure that you are aware of the public consultation ahead of time. Please feel free to pass this letter to others who you think might be interested.

The Issues and Options consultation document along with additional background information will be available on our website at **Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals** from the 20th November 2017. A reference copy will be available at District/Borough Council offices and at the main libraries in West Bridgford, Beeston, Arnold, Newark, Mansfield, Worksop, Retford, Sutton In Ashfield and Kirkby In Ashfield.

The County Council is encouraging responses to be made via its online consultation system. Details of how to use the online consultation system can be found on our website at **Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals**. By using this system it will ensure that all comments are submitted and logged using a safe and secure method. Once the consultation has closed it will then enable the submitted comments to be processed and considered in an efficient manner. Comments submitted via email or letter will still be accepted subject to a name and email or address being provided, as we cannot accept anonymous comments.

Once the consultation event has finished we will consider all of the responses and where appropriate these will be used to inform the development of a draft Minerals Local Plan. Further public consultation will then be undertaken on a draft minerals plan before the final Minerals Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for an Independent Examination. The timetable for the preparation of the Minerals Local Plan is as follows:

- November 2017: Publication of the Issues and Options public consultation document
- June 2018: Publication of the draft Minerals Local Plan and associated public consultation
- November 2018: Publication of the final Minerals Local Plan and period of formal consultation
- Summer 2019: Independent Examination
- Autumn 2019: Adoption of the Minerals Local Plan by the County Council.

Alongside the Issues and Options consultation, additional evidence gathering for the development of the Minerals Local Plan is being undertaken. A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report detailing the scope and methodology of the Sustainability Appraisal, which will be an integral part of the Plan's development, is also to be published on the 20th November. Consultation on this document will run alongside the Issues and Options between the 20th November 2017 and the 14th January 2018.

The consultation documents will be available on the County Council's website from the 20th November 2017.

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Yours sincerely/faithfully

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