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Our Ref: DP 561

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Dear Sir

The Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2004-2010

1. Between Tuesday 26th April and Monday 19th September I held a public inquiry, mainly at the Hotel Inn, Aston Clinton, into objections to the Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2004-2010. The inquiry sat, in total, for 10 days. Before, during and after the Inquiry I made visits, sometimes accompanied and sometimes unaccompanied, to various locations which were the subject of, or relevant to, objections.

2. A total number of 2562 comments were recorded. However, two substantial proposed modifications to the plan were made following the publication of the second deposit draft. Consequently a number of people and organisations made contributions expressing varying stances towards the plan at different times, or withdrawing or modifying parts of earlier comments in response to the proposed changes. I cannot, therefore, give meaningful totals for the number of supporting letters or objections withdrawn and I have not tried to do so. Nevertheless, I have taken into account all of the representations made, either in writing or at a session of the Inquiry.

3. In writing this report I have taken into account national policy as set out in government circulars, planning guidance notes and other, comparable documents. I have also taken account of the local and regional framework for the Plan provided by documents such as the County Structure Plan, Local Plans, the report of the Regional Aggregates Working Party, and Regional Planning Guidance Notes.

4. In writing this report I have sought to ensure that any changes to the Plan I have recommended are consistent with other such changes and the changes proposed by the Council in the two sets of modifications issued before and during the course of the inquiry. Nevertheless, I would suggest that checks be made to ensure consistency between the differing changes made, and also between those changes and elements of the plan which were not subject to objection or examination at the Inquiry.



5. One important matter was the subject of considerable discussion at the inquiry and in written representations, namely the selection of sites for preferred areas. I would wish to emphasise that the recommendations I have made regarding this matter were based upon undertakings given by Council officers. That is that the suggested "Omission Sites" would be given full and systematic consideration in the context of the forthcoming local development document concerning waste and minerals. Whilst I am confident that the undertakings given will be met, it is not for me to make formal recommendations regarding them.

6. Finally I would wish to record my appreciation of, and thanks to, all of those who participated in, or contributed towards arranging, the Inquiry. I would reserve special thanks to my Programme Officer Helen Wilson whose efficiency and experience made such a major contribution towards the operation of the whole Inquiry process.

7. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and to the Government Office for the East of England.

Yours Faithfully

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