



**HAMPSHIRE MINERALS & WASTE  
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK  
CORE STRATEGY**

**WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS SUBMITTED BY  
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The following written representations are submitted by SLR Consulting Limited on behalf of the Elvetham Estate for Calthorpe Estates.
- 1.2 We have kept our representations brief for the benefit of the Inspector. However, we would be happy to provide further supporting evidence or address specific questions if the Inspector so requires.
- 1.3 We would also be happy to arrange a site(s) visit for the Inspector if considered desirable.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Elvetham Estate in Hampshire (the Estate) forms part of the larger Calthorpe Estate.
- 2.2 The Estate own and control a large block of land upon the Bramshill Plateau of North East Hampshire, which has historically been worked for minerals in association with pre and post extraction afforestation.
- 2.3 The current Cemex – Bramshill and Lafarge – Eversley quarries are extracting the Estates' sand and gravel under separate planning permissions issued by Hampshire County Council.
- 2.4 Both current mineral extraction areas fall within the Thames Basins Heaths SPA/SSSI, with restoration to a matrix of commercial woodland and managed heathland.

## **3.0 SUPPORT**

- 3.1 We can confirm the support of the Estate for the inclusion of sites HRT 014 – Warren Hill Plantation 2 and HRT 015: Yateley Heath Wood Extension within the Safeguarded Sand and Gravel Deposits referred to in Policy S15 and identified on the Key Diagram.
- 3.2 In particular, HRT 015 forms and obvious extension to the current permitted operations south for the A30 and provides a unique opportunity to release sand and gravel via a scheme that removes the legacy of former airfield uses and provides restoration via a Heathland and forestry matrix in sympathy with the site's SPA/SSSI Status.
- 3.3 As recently requested by the officers of Hampshire County Council, we will be providing further supporting information in respect of the above nominated sites in due course.

## **4.0 OBJECTION**

- 4.1 We wish to maintain our objection to paragraph 20.16 of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework (HMWDF).
- 4.2 We consider that the retention of Paragraph 20.16, as currently drafted, affects the soundness of the HMWDF when set against PPS12 as the statement fails to represent the most appropriate policy position as it is not founded on a robust or credible evidence base.
- 4.3 We have objected to paragraph 20.16 as follows:
- 4.4 We object to the blanket exclusion of sand and gravel extraction from Sites of Special Scientific Interest (iii) and Special Protection Areas and potential Special Protection Areas (iv) in Paragraph 20:16.
- 4.5 Much of the North East Hampshire Sand and Gravel Resource area is designated SSSI / candidate SPA. Quarrying is an established activity within these designated areas and has proved to be compatible with the aims and objectives of the designations.
- 4.6 Sympathetic mineral extraction and restoration schemes have provided, and could continue to provide, opportunities for rotational forest and scrub clearance, heathland creation and heathland management in concert with the, and in some cases to achieve, the aims and objectives of the SSSI / SPA designations.
- 4.7 Proposals for sand and gravel extraction with associated inert recycling and landfill of inert residues may not be incompatible with the designations referred to in sub clauses (iii) and (iv) and, thus, these clauses should be deleted.
- 4.8 Such designated areas would be afforded sufficient protection under draft policy DC2, which would ensure any proposal involving a designated site would be subject to “most rigorous examination”.
- 4.9 We would suggest that items (ii), (iii) and (iv) are deleted from the list that follows paragraph 20.16.
- 4.10 We would advocate the addition of a new paragraph (20.17) which states:  
“Sites with International and National Designations will be subject to rigorous assessment to prevent unacceptable impacts in accordance with Policy DC-2”.

## **5.0 CLOSURE**

- 5.1 We trust the above representations will be given due consideration.
- 5.2 Should the Inspector require further supporting information or have specific questions, please contact:

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