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Sent: 16 March 2017 12:33

To: Day, Peter - E&E

Subject: Sand and Gravel excavation in the Clanfield/Bampton area.

Dear Mr Day,

Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation – Clanfield/Bampton area.

Clanfield Parish Council supports most strongly the exclusion of this area from the final Plan, Policy M3.

Whilst we accept there are deposits of Grade 2 gravel in our area we do not accept that it is practicable to excavate it for the following reasons;

1. The road network is not suitable for the extensive use of heavy goods vehicles, of the type needed to transport large quantities of sand & gravel.
2. Access to the area from the south entails crossing the River Thames, over small, unsuitable bridges with reduced weight limits.
3. In many areas, there is an absence of verges or pavements with numerous buildings the abutting the road, making foot and cycle traffic hazardous.
4. For the area to sustain continuous heavy traffic extensive road widening schemes would be necessary, which with the additional problems of water run-off and the probable loss of ditches could impact on the flood risks to the area.
5. It is our understanding that the deposits of gravel in our area are not of a depth to provide substantial volumes to sustain major infrastructure changes.
6. The topography of our area is predominantly flat so as not to provide natural screening of quarrying, or containment of the dust produced.

Finally, it seems that certain factions want our area included only out of vindictiveness rather than appropriateness as may be the case in their area.

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