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Dear Sir or Madam

Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Core Strategy Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications, February 2017

The members of Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney Parish Council considered the above consultation document at their meeting on 2 March 2017 and we have the following comments to make.

We agree that if the geographical areas in our parish and the neighbouring parishes of Bampton, Buckland, Black Bourton and Clanfield are going to be included in the Plan, then they should be designated as Mineral Safeguarding Areas only (Policy M8) and not within the M3 Policy category due to the reasons cited in paragraph 4.33 – the unsuitability of the local roads, the weight restrictions on the local bridges and the significant distance from the areas where the minerals will be needed, which would mean that the minerals would have to be transported an unacceptably long distance by road.

We continue to question the validity of the extraction volumes included in the Plan which are significantly above the recent annual volumes required within the county, and therefore appear excessive, even allowing for the anticipated domestic and commercial construction within the county over the life of the Plan.

Yours faithfully

Sent via email

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