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**Subject:** Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update – Clanfield/Bampton area

**Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation – Clanfield/Bampton area.**

I am writing in support of the arguments put forward by AGGROW (Anti Gravel Group of Residents of Oxfordshire West) to support the OCC in excluding the Clanfield/Bampton area for consideration for excavation of gravel

Whilst it is accepted that there are extensive deposits in the area of Grade 2 gravel (that is for uses other than housing) it would be impractical to excavate it.

- 1. The road network is one of narrow ancient roads bordered closely by houses in the many villages that abound in this area. The roads would be unable to take heavy traffic and there are many weight limits.**
- 2. There is no lorry route close to this area and all the bridges over the Thames are humpbacked and narrow. and many have weight restrictions**
3. The gravel in this area is not deep. The Geographical Survey of Oxfordshire indicated that of the 59 locations surveyed the locations in the Clanfield/Bampton area came 9th, 20th, 50th and 59th for the number of tonnes per hectare. There are therefore many locations in the County with considerably deeper deposits.
- 4. The area is low lying and at risk from flooding. In 2007 more than 365 houses were flooded. WODC stated in their flood report ‘further gravel extraction or other major developments beyond existing allocations should not be permitted without the fullest consideration of the potential of that development to worsen or ameliorate the flooding situation’.**

Thank in anticipation that you make the right decision

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