Dear Mr Day,

This area has been excluded from the extraction of gravel and I wish to strongly support its continued exclusion. The roads in this area are totally unsuitable to take heavy traffic and many have weight restrictions. The bridges over the Thames are narrow and of the humpbacked variety. It is also important to note that the area contains many listed buildings next to the roads and they could not possibly withstand continuous pounding from heavy lorries. The whole area is low lying and at risk of flooding and significant attention should be paid to this aspect (a large number of houses flooded in 2007). Many areas of historical importance exist and the growing tourist trade also needs to be protected.

I am sure that there are many more reasons that are important to individuals but the ones I have outlined are in addition to the general horror of large numbers of heavy lorries creating dust and pollution through this area for what, I understand, is poor quality gravel unusable for house building.

Yours sincerely

Peter House