

From: Jane Walker
Sent: 19 March 2017 12:09
To: Day, Peter - E&E
Subject: MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE -
CLANFIELD/BAMPTON AREA

Dear Mr Day

We are writing to state our strong objections to the dropping of the exclusion of the Clanfield/Bampton area from the final Plan, Policy M3 for mineral extraction in West Oxfordshire.

These are our principal objections:

1). Our property is situated in a Conservation Area on the A4095 Clanfield Road, 50 metres from the traffic-calming buildouts. Already heavy commercial and agricultural vehicles are causing damage to our property in the following ways:

1.1 Vibration from heavy traffic is causing structural damage as the house is less than 1 metre from the road.

1.2 Spray from road traffic in wet weather and dirt and dust in dry weather erode the Cotswold stone walls and render the walls and windows constantly dirty.

1.3 Traffic noise is amplified by buildings immediately opposite, and an increase in heavy traffic would worsen this problem. Spending time in our garden, which runs parallel to the road, will become even more unpleasant.

1.4 Flowers, shrubs, trees, and vegetables growing in our garden will suffer from more dust, dirt, and pollution.

1.5 Increased dust and pollution from more heavy vehicle traffic will have a detrimental effect on the health of our children, grandchildren, and ourselves.

1.6 Vehicles often have to stop and restart at the buildouts, causing additional noise and pollution. An increase in heavy lorry traffic will worsen this situation.

Many buildings in Bampton along the A4095, the B4449, and the Buckland Road are of 17th/18th century Cotswold stone construction, and suffer similar problems.

2). The narrowness of the roads with cars parked on both sides renders Bampton unsuitable for further heavy vehicle traffic.

3). Bampton has a high proportion of elderly residents, and crossing the roads is already extremely hazardous for them.

4). There are already concerns for the safety of schoolchildren heading for and leaving the school bus stops along the main roads.

5). The ancient bridges over the Thames at Radcot and Buckland Marsh are totally unsuitable for further heavy traffic, and have already suffered damage from such traffic.

6). Our house, along with many others in Bampton, was severely flooded in 2007, and we are greatly concerned about the effects of any major extraction in the local area.

7). Bampton lies on the edge of the Cotswolds, and is a very popular tourist area, thereby benefitting the local economy. Any quarrying works would be clearly visible, and would have a detrimental effect on tourism.

We therefore urge you to ensure that the Clanfield/Bampton area is excluded from the Plan.

Sincerely
Dennis & Jane Walker