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Subject: Chilterns Conservation Board comments on the draft meeting note and consultation on additional documents

Dear Elise and Peter,

I have reviewed the **Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – Consultation on Additional Documents** and my comments are:

1. It is difficult to comment properly on the latest position without seeing a complete schedule of proposed modifications, I imagine there are other amendments (in addition to those AONB changes outlined above) which you made in response to other representors, will there be an opportunity for comment on these?
2. Re: Topic Paper on Preliminary assessment of minerals site options and Topic Paper on the Preliminary Assessment of Waste Site Options. The setting of an AONB is not just a one kilometre buffer to the AONB as used in these assessments. This is an over simplistic approach and may have underestimated or ignored potential harmful effects on the AONB like landscape effects, harm to key views, noise, increased traffic through the AONB, dust, effects on hydrology of chalk streams, the introduction of motion to views, loss of tranquillity etc. The Chilterns Conservation Board has produced guidance on development affecting the setting of the Chilterns AONB which could form a useful reference by way of a footnote to the <http://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/planning-development/position-statements.html>. Similar advice has been produced by the Cotswold Conservation Board and the North Wessex Downs AONB. It explains that “although it does not have a defined geographical boundary, the setting of the Chilterns AONB is the area within which development and land management proposals, by virtue of their nature, size, scale, siting, materials or design could be considered to have an impact, either positive or negative, on the natural beauty and special qualities of the Chilterns AONB.” A waste or minerals site could exert harm over a much larger distance than 1km. Further assessment may be needed for sites near the AONBs to ensure the effects are understood.
3. One of waste sites assessed in the Topic Paper on the Preliminary Assessment of Waste Site Options is incorrectly identified as within 2km of the North Wessex Downs AONB, the correct AONB to reference is the Chilterns AONB (Site 005 Playhatch Quarry, Playhatch).

If I can be of further assistance please contact me.

Kind regards,

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