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To: Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation - E&E

Subject: Oxfordshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy - Consultation on post-submission documents

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are writing to you, on behalf of Magnox Limited, in response to the current informal consultation on the additional documents prepared in support of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy.

Bilfinger GVA has previously made representations, on behalf of Magnox Limited, to the Core Strategy proposed submission document. The representations made have since been recorded by the Council under representation number 140. Given that an amended version of the Core Strategy has yet to be published, Magnox Limited retains its position to make further representations during the examination if necessary.

In terms of the current consultation on additional documents, Magnox Limited would like to make comments on the Development of the Waste Spatial Strategy (Topic Paper) (April 2016).

In Section 2 of the Topic Paper, the text sets out national and other policy relevant to the waste spatial strategy. However, this does not currently refer to NDA national strategies for radioactive waste management, which is considered fundamental given the presence of a former nuclear research facility subject to decommissioning (Harwell site) within the plan area. During the examination of the Somerset County Council Waste Core Strategy, the Inspector commented in their report that NDA Strategies represent national policy in the arena of radioactive waste management.

It is acknowledged that the latest versions of the NDA's strategy (NDA Strategy III, April 2016 and the NDA Higher Activity Waste Strategy, May 2016) were published following the submission of the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State, but it is considered that the Topic Paper should be updated to reflect the current position. In this light, we request that a short paragraph is added to Section 2 (after paragraph 2.17) of the Development of the Waste Spatial Strategy to clarify the role of NDA Strategy III (April 2016) and the NDA Higher Activity Waste Strategy (May 2016) (as well as other NDA publications which may be relevant) in the waste planning arena. Our suggested wording for this paragraph is below:

The national strategy for the management of radioactive waste is prepared and issued by the NDA. The Energy Act 2004 requires that the NDA Strategy is reviewed and republished at least every five years. UK Government and the Scottish Ministers approved the current Strategy, "NDA Strategy III" in March 2016 and it came into effect in April 2016. The NDA also published its Higher Activity Waste Strategy in May 2016. The Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy seeks to be consistent with prevailing NDA Strategy, as well as other strategic waste management document published by the NDA, and recognises its status as a national policy in the arena of radioactive waste management.

If you require any further clarification over the role of the NDA strategies in policy for radioactive waste management then please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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