M3 Junction 9 Improvement Project - comments from Hampshire County Council Minerals & Waste Planning Authority

Dear Sir/Madam,

We understand that the deadline for comments on the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Project was yesterday. Apologies we were not been able to get these to you within the designated timeframe. Please could you let me know if you would still be willing to take our comments into consideration?

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council (HCC) on the application by Highways England for the M3 Junction 9 Improvement Project. As the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority (MWPA), HCC were pleased to see that the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (HMWP, 2013) was cited and that the impact of the proposed development on important safeguarded mineral resources in the vicinity were noted and scoped in to the assessment.

We agree with paragraph 11.6.12, that site arisings should be re-used where possible and sent to landfill as a last resort. However, we would like to suggest that any excavated sand and gravel (a safeguarded mineral resource) not used on site is sent to a nearby mineral operator for processing in order that it can be used to supply other development projects. Any construction demolition and excavation (CDE) wastes not used on site should also be sent to an appropriate waste facility, at the highest level possible within the waste hierarchy.

Hampshire County Council welcomes engagement with developers at any stage of the planning process to discuss opportunities for mineral extraction, to ensure that any potential minerals safeguarding issues are addressed as early as possible.

Kind regards,

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