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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 270 dwellings, including affordable housing, with land for the potential future expansion of Halterworth Primary School, public open space, structural planting and landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points. All matters reserved except for means of access at Land At Halterworth Lane, Halterworth Lane, Romsey, Hampshire.**

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council (HCC) as the mineral planning authority (MPA) with regards to the above planning application.

We are now in receipt of an updated Mineral Resource Assessment (Wardell Armstong, ref. ST20570 V1.3, dated March 2024) and upon review of the provided information, we agree with the conclusion that prior extraction is not a viable option on this development site.

However, the MWPA would still like to encourage full consideration of the opportunities for mineral extraction prior and as part of the proposed development.

Particular opportunities may lie in the recovery of mineral deposits uncovered during the preparation and construction phases of the project, for example through the excavation of footings or trenches for buildings, roads, landscaping and utility infrastructure associated with the development.

The recovered mineral could then be either re-used on site, which could encourage a reduction of excavation waste removed from site as well as inbound materials for construction uses associated with reduced costs, as well potential to export off site to a local mineral operator for further treatment

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which has potential for additional revenue for the developer. It is recommended that discussions are made between the developer and a local mineral operator at the earliest stage.

There should be no additional vehicle movements associated with these practices, as well as noise, vibration, dust issues.

HCC would therefore request the following conditions to be included in any permission for this planning application, to be delivered through submitted construction management plans or similar, requiring a statement outlining:

- i. a method for ensuring that minerals that can be viably recovered during the development operations are recovered and put to beneficial use; and
- ii. a method to record the quantity of recovered mineral (re-use on site or off site) and to report this data to the MPA.

Hampshire County Council is available to discuss this further with Test Valley Borough Council, as well as the applicant, in forming a suitable agreement following the receipt of the required information.

Further information on safeguarding and Hampshire County Council's approach to it is available in the adopted Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document, which can be found on our website:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/planning-policy-home/hmwp-spds.htm>

Yours faithfully,

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