

### **13. Leicestershire County Council (Minerals)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan – Pre-Examination Consultation (Regulation 16)

Thank you for consulting Leicestershire County Council as the Mineral Planning Authority (MPA). As the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; the council is responsible for preparing the planning policy for minerals and waste development and also makes decisions on mineral and waste development.

Although neighbourhood plans cannot include policies that cover minerals and waste development, it may be the case that your neighbourhood contains an existing or planned minerals or waste site. The County Council can provide information on these operations or any future development planned for your neighbourhood.

You should also be aware of Minerals and Waste Safeguarding Areas, contained within the adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan ([Leicestershire.gov.uk](http://Leicestershire.gov.uk)). These safeguarding areas are there to ensure that non-waste and non-minerals development takes place in a way that does not negatively affect minerals resources or waste operations. The County Council can provide guidance on this if your neighbourhood plan is allocating development in these areas or if any proposed neighbourhood plan policies may impact on minerals and waste provision.

In this instance there is no proposed mineral or waste site included within the Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst the eastern edges of the neighbourhood plan boundary includes areas of Sand and Gravel Safeguarding, the proposed neighbourhood plan includes a limits to development area. This area falls outside of a minerals safeguarding area and is where allocated sites are included within the proposed plan. Thus, the MPA would not have any concerns in relation to minerals and waste safeguarding.

Kind Regards

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