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If you would like more information please contact the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure team at: County Hall, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 1UY, telephone 01296 395000 or by email at mineralswastepolicy@buckscc.gov.uk. This form should be returned by **5pm on Wednesday 27th September** to the address above. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded from the County Council's website: www.buckscc.gov.uk/mwlocalplan. Advice on how to make representations is provided in the Guidance Notes also available to download from the above website.

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Part A

Personal Details*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title and Name or Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in 2.*

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**Please provide an email address - Where we hold email addresses for individuals or organisations, this will be our preferred method of communication for future consultations on Minerals and Waste related planning policy documents*

Part B – Consultation Response

Mineral Provision

The plan identifies that 0.93 million tonnes of sand & gravel will be needed each year until 2036 (including a year's contingency) totalling 19.53 million tonnes. This is calculated using a 10-year average annual sales figure of 0.81 million tonnes for the Thames and Colne Valleys and a further 0.12 million tonnes for the Great Ouse Valley bases on trend figures.

Current sand & gravel reserves are estimated at 9.04 million tonnes. Therefore, further sites for 10.49 million tonnes have been identified in the local plan.

1. Do you agree with how we have calculated future mineral requirements?

- Yes
 No

2. If no, why not?

3. Do you think this amount of sand & gravel will provide adequate minerals for Buckinghamshire during this period?

- Yes
 No

4. If no why not?

Mineral Allocation

The plan identifies a primary focus on sites within the Thames and Colne Valleys and a secondary focus on sites within the Ouse Valley.

5. Do you agree with a primary focus for mineral extraction on the Thames and Colne Valleys with a secondary focus on the Great Ouse Valley?

a) Yes

b) No,

6. Do you agree with the proposed mineral sites identified in the plan?

a) Yes

b) No

7. If no, why not?

8. Are there any other suitable locations for mineral extraction not already identified in the plan?

Mineral Safeguarding

The plan also proposes a revised mineral safeguarding area for sand & gravel and to safeguard clay with flints and limestone. This is to ensure that mineral resources are not sterilised by non-minerals development, such as housing or employment sites. The policy sets out what non-minerals developments should demonstrate to ensure minerals resource is not sterilised by the development.

9. Do you agree with how we have identified safeguarded areas for sand & gravel, clay & limestone?

Yes

No

10. Do you agree on our criteria for when proposed development will need to comply with Policy 1?

Yes

No

11. How can we improve policy 1 “Safeguarding Minerals Resource”?

Wastes

The plan sets out a spatial strategy for where waste management should be located. The plan identifies areas within the main urban settlements including High Wycombe, Aylesbury and Buckingham for areas of focus for waste management. These are based on existing employment areas, such as industrial areas, or new large mixed use developments.

12. Do you agree with focusing waste management around the main urban areas?

- Yes
 No

13. Do you agree with the use of identified employment areas and new development for the area of focus within Policy 14?

- Yes
 No

14. Are there any other suitable sites for waste management facilities not already identified in the plan?

About the Plan

The vision for the plans is to ensure

- Minerals sites and waste management facilities are available to support sustainable economic growth
- Bucks is making more effective provision and use of primary minerals
- High quality restoration is taking place
- Bucks is using more sustainable approaches to managing waste streams
- Bucks has achieved net self-sufficiency in waste management capacity
- Bucks has conserved and enhanced the natural environment and quality of life of its residents.

This will be achieved through the Strategic Objectives and the implementation of policies.

15. Do you have any comments about the vision and objectives of the plan?

The Chiltern Society would like to see a reference to preserving the openness of the Green Belt included in the Vision Statement. This would ensure that the Green Belt had a sufficiently high profile in the Plan and would help to ensure that national Green Belt policies in paragraphs 79 - 91 of the NPPF are applied throughout the Local Plan.

The Society strongly supports Strategic Objective SO5, which gives protection to the Chilterns AONB and the Green Belt and commits the Council to conserving and enhancing the character and appearance of the landscape in the County. It is particularly important that landscape impacts are fully considered for the allocated mineral and waste sites that are located within the Green Belt and in the area of the Chilterns that is outside the AONB boundary.

16. Are there any aspects of section 7 of the plan that you particularly support or disagree with?

Policy 21 – Landscape Character – The Chiltern Society supports the landscape character approach to assessing the impact of minerals and waste proposals. However, the policy does not adequately address visual impacts, which are different to landscape character. A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) should be required for all development that includes a full assessment of views to and from the site and potential impacts, particularly where they are within sensitive areas or their settings.

Policy 22 – Green Belt – The Chiltern Society supports this policy, particularly in relation to preserving the openness of the Green Belt. In situations where very special circumstances apply and operational buildings are essential in the Green Belt, provision should be made for their removal on completion of the operational phase. An additional clause could be added to the policy to this effect.

Policy 23 – Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – The Chiltern Society support this policy. However, as currently worded it does not address the importance of the setting of the AONB. It does refer to proposals adjoining the AONB, but there may be landscape and visual impacts to be considered for sites not immediately adjacent to the AONB boundary, but affecting views to and from the AONB and the wider character of the Chilterns landscape. Recognition of the importance of the settings of AONBs is a widely accepted concept which should be added in here.

Policy 24 – Design and Climate Change – As above, this policy could also recognise the importance of the setting of the AONB and visual impacts on views to and from the AONB.

Policy 25 – Environmental Enhancement – The Chiltern Society supports this policy. Again, the setting of the AONB could be added to the policy.

Policy 26 – Delivering High Quality Restoration and Aftercare – This policy could be amended to include a requirement for the removal of operational buildings in the Green Belt to maintain its openness on completion of the operational phase of a development.

17. Do you have any further comments on the plan?

Allocated sites –

The following sites are located within the Chiltern Society area, which is based on the boundary of the Chiltern Hills Natural Area, and the Green Belt. The Plan should make clear which of the sites are located within the AONB, the wider Chilterns area and the Green Belt. Our understanding is that only the High Heavens site is located within the Chilterns AONB.

Minerals –

- Springfield Farm (Beaconsfield) South Extension – Chilterns and Green Belt
- New Denham Quarry (Denham) North Extension – Chilterns and Green Belt
- New Denham Quarry (Denham) North West Extension – Chilterns and Green Belt
- New Denham Quarry (Denham), Extension – Chilterns and Green Belt
- North Park, Richings Park (Iver) – Chilterns and Green Belt
- Slade Farm North and South (Hedgerley) – Chilterns and Green Belt

Waste – Primary -

- Cressex Employment Area – Chilterns
- M40 Junction 3, Loudwater – Chilterns
- Sands Industrial Estate – Chilterns
- High Heavens (Great Marlow) – Chilterns AONB, Chilterns and Green Belt
- Wycombe Air Park – Chilterns and Green Belt

Waste – Secondary -

- Asheridge Road (Chesham) – Chilterns
- South of Raans Road (Amersham) – Chilterns
- Thomas Road (Wooburn) - Chilterns

As these areas are very sensitive great care will be required with the design and restoration of these proposals to ensure that they do not cause long term harm to the character and appearance of their location. In particular, all applications should be required to submit a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and a full restoration scheme, including environmental enhancements. Any buildings that are required during operations should be sensitively designed and should be removed on completion of the operational phase of the site. The removal of buildings is essential to maintain the openness of the Green Belt.

These comments are an organisational response on behalf of the Chiltern Society. The Society has over 7,000 members, seeking to protect the special qualities of the Chilterns. Our geographical area of interest is the Chiltern Natural Area - a 650 square mile area across parts of four English counties: Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, and Bedfordshire – both the countryside and the settlements within it. Almost exactly half of this area forms the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It also contains extensive areas of Green Belt, some of which is coincident with the AONB, but much of it is not.

Part C – About You

It would be helpful in our research to know a little about you in order for us to make sure that this consultation is representative. This information will be held in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

Are you

An Individual

A County Councillor

A representative of a group or organisation

A District Council

Parish Council

A Parish Council



_____ Other (please specify).....

Which of the following age band do you fall into?

Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	35-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-64	X
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	65+	<input type="checkbox"/>
		I'd rather not say	<input type="checkbox"/>

How did you hear about this consultation?

Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Press	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notification Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media Website (e.g. Twitter or Facebook)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Library/Council Office	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibition Events	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)..... Council website.	X

Which ethnic group do you belong to?

White	X
Mixed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian or British Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or British Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Ethnic Group – Other Ethnic	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'd rather not say	<input type="checkbox"/>

