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## Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan

### Proposed Submission 2019

#### Representation Form

Please use this form to make representations to the Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan Proposed Submission document. This is the second version of the minerals planning document for Hertfordshire following the Draft Plan document which, once adopted, will become part of the statutory Development Plan for the county.

The online consultation portal is the county council's preferred method of receiving representations. This can be found at <http://hertscc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>. Instructions on how to register and enter representations are found on the website.

If you are unable to use the online consultation portal, please use this form to make representations.

It is important that you use a separate form for each comment you wish to make. Further copies of the representation form are available from the county council on 01992 556 227 or may be downloaded from the county council's website: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/minerals). Alternatively this form can be photocopied for further use.

#### Part 1

<b>Respondents details</b>	
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**You will need to sign this form to agree to the use of your details in relation to the Data Protection Act & General Data Protection Regulations for planning purposes in part 10**

### Part 2

**Which part of the Proposed Submission Minerals Local Plan (MLP) does your representation relate to?**

Paragraph No.	<input type="text"/>	Policy No.	<input type="text" value="4"/>	Map No.	<input type="text"/>	Other	<input type="text"/>
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### Part 3

The Minerals Local Plan will be examined to assess whether it has been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements as detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Your representation must consider whether or not the plan is sound at this stage.

**Your representation must relate to the legal and procedural requirements and/or the Tests of Soundness, set out in the questions below.**

**Do you consider the document to be: (please tick)**

Legally and procedurally compliant	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Sound	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (see questions below)

### Part 4

The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the 'tests of soundness' for a Local Plan. The four 'tests' have been listed below, with explanations as detailed within the national policy document.

**If you consider the Minerals Local Plan to be un-sound, which test of soundness do you consider the document fails?**

#### Tests of Soundness

##### Positively Prepared

Does the MLP:

- Provide a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development? Yes  No

### Justified

Is the MLP:

- An appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives? Yes  No X
- Based on proportionate evidence? Yes  No X

### Effective

Is the MLP:

- Deliverable over the plan period? Yes  No X
- Based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground? Yes  No

### Consistent with National Policy

Does the MLP:

- enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF? Yes  No X

### Part 5

**Please provide detailed comments explaining why you consider the plan is not legally compliant and/or unsound. If your representation is in support or to provide any other comment, please also use this box.**  
*(Please be as precise as possible)*

CPRE Hertfordshire strongly opposes the proposal by the Plan to extract sand and gravel from all three Hatfield Quarry sites during the Plan period with the largest two sites in concurrent operation from Year 5 to Year 14 of the Plan as set out in Appendix 3. This is considered to be unsound for the following reasons:

- 1) The opening up of a new quarry at 'Site 3' - Coopers Green Lane, in the short term is solely to facilitate development of a new housing allocation that has not yet been found sound through the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan examination process;
- 2) The commencement of operations at Site 3 is likely to delay completion and restoration of Site 1, especially as the two sites would be expected to share processing capacity and plant;
- 3) The further delay to restoration and afteruse proposals for the Site 1 Hatfield Aerodrome in particular, is unreasonable;
- 4) The effective doubling of extraction rates at the Hatfield Quarry complex for at least a 10-year period is likely to have unacceptable cumulative impacts on not only the communities living in the area between Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield and St Albans, but also on the users of rights of way and the highway network in that area. This is likely to conflict with proposed Policy 13 in the Plan on cumulative impacts.

*(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

### Part 6

**Please give details of what change(s) you consider is(are) necessary to**

**make the Minerals Local Plan ‘sound’, having regard to the test(s) of soundness you indicated in Part 4 above. You will need to state why your proposed change will make the document sound. Where appropriate, you should include your suggested wording of paragraph(s) or site brief(s).**

*(Please be as precise as possible)*

Only one of Sites 1 and 3 should be operational during any stage of the Plan, to minimise disturbance, noise, dust emissions, the delay to restoration of the areas already operational, and avoid cumulative impacts.

*(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*

### **Part 7**

**If you seek a change to the document, are you happy to deal with the matters by means of written representation or do you consider it necessary to attend a public examination to give your evidence?**

I am happy to deal with this matter in writing

*Please tick **one** box only*

I wish to give evidence at a public examination

### **Part 8**

**If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary?**

To explain CPRE Hertfordshire’s concerns about the three proposed sites at Hatfield Quarry.

### **Part 9**

**If you wish to be notified of future events please tick those below that apply.**

- i) That the document has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination
- ii) That the person appointed to carry out the Examination has published their report
- iii) That the document has been finally adopted by the Council

## Part 10

### Important note:

- The information that you provide, **including** personal details, will be held on a database and used by the Environment Department to respond to you and assist with the review of the Minerals Local Plan.
- The information that you provide, **excluding** personal details, will be publicly available for any other person to inspect.
- The information that you provide, **including** names and organisations will be shared with the Planning Inspectorate.
- By signing this form (responding to this consultation) you are agreeing to the county council holding your data for the duration of the Minerals Local Plan review.
- All personal data will be deleted following completion of the review.

### Declaration

Signature:		Date:	22 March 2019
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- Tick here to be notified at a specific address of the publication of the Inspector's Report and subsequent adoption of the Strategy*

*Address for notification (if different):*

Thank you for your representations.

**All representations must be received by 5pm on Friday 22 March 2019.**

Forms can be submitted by email to [minerals.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:minerals.planning@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or by post to:

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