



Mrs Amanda Jobling
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Information line: 0800 298 7040

Dear Mrs Jobling,

Minerals Extraction Proposals at the Former Hamble Airfield, Hamble Lane.

I write to you with regard to the site of the former Hamble Airfield, off Hamble Lane in Hamble-le-Rice. As you may know, the land is a strategic minerals reserve and has therefore been protected from residential development for a number of years.

As you may be aware, the site was allocated as a suitable site for minerals extraction by the County Council in the adopted *Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2013)*. Under national planning policy, the County Council are under an obligation to maintain an adequate and steady supply of sands and gravel vital to the construction industry. The County Council has accepted that the site is "*the best option for providing a local supply of sharp sand and gravel from this part of south Hampshire*" and assessed that the site had the potential to deliver 1.6 million tonnes of aggregate over the extraction period.

CEMEX UK Operations Ltd. has entered into an agreement with the local landowner for rights to redevelop the land for minerals extraction under the terms of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, and we are currently in the early stages of considering the options suitable for the site.

In the coming months, we will be engaging with our neighbours and the wider community to brief them on our plans and to seek their feedback. In light of your role within the community, we would be pleased to provide you with a personal briefing on the proposals to seek your views whilst plans for the project are still in their early stage. The consultancy Built Environment Communications Group is working with us to assist with the public consultation and communications process.

I will contact your office over the next few days to see if this is something that would prove useful to you. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the project's information line – **0800 298 7040**.

Yours sincerely,

Miles Willshire

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