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Dear Isabelle Haddow,

Re: Sawbridgeworth Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Area Consultation

I am writing in response to the consultation regarding Sawbridgeworth Town Council's application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Area and provide comments in relation to minerals and waste planning matters.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area, which follows the civil parish boundary, does not include any of the county council's Allocated Waste Sites as shown in the Waste Site Allocations (adopted July 2014) document. However, there is a history of planning applications at the south west point of the proposed area for a mix of waste and mineral operations at Redricks Lane from the 1950s and at Hollingson Mead which now exists as a restored landfill site.

In terms of minerals matters, the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area does not contain any sites identified in the Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan (adopted 2007) but the entire area falls within the sand and gravel belt as shown on Map 2 of the Minerals Consultation Areas in Hertfordshire Supplementary Planning Document. The county council, as Minerals Planning Authority (MPA) would raise concerns for any unnecessary sterilisation of minerals from non-mineral development. When areas for development are identified during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan the county council should be consulted so that further detailed comments can be provided in relation to minerals.

Although Neighbourhood Plans cannot include policies that cover minerals or waste development, it should be noted that when the Town Council develops its vision and objectives for shaping development and growth, minerals and waste matters will need to be taken into account as Minerals and Waste Local Plans form part of the Development Plan. As outlined above, this particular proposed Neighbourhood

Plan Area contains an existing site relating to the county council responsibilities and therefore the county council would like to be consulted at future stages in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely

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