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Dear Sirs,

Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks (further consultation)

Thank you for allowing Blaby District Council the opportunity to comment on the above documents.

Waste Spatial Strategy

I would request that the comments made by this Authority concerning the Leicestershire and Leicester Waste Local Development Framework (Core Strategy and Development Control policies) be considered alongside the comments below.

It is noted that the further consultation document indicates a number of 'Areas of Search' for waste sites. Blaby District Council accepts that these are 'broad locations' at present. It is requested that when Leicestershire County Council identify more detailed site locations in or close to the District of Blaby, that they contact Blaby District Council in order to discuss environmental and other implications.

It is noted that waste facilities are promoted adjacent to new Sustainable Urban Extensions (if these are supported when the Regional Plan is issued). If co-location of new housing and waste is pursued, Blaby District Council would wish to ensure that any facilities take full account of the environmental implications on new and existing residents. New facilities should be sited sensitively and of the highest quality design and landscaping.

The document refers to potential waste development in 'Green Wedges'. As you are aware, these perform an important strategic function in preventing coalescence of distinct settlements and allowing access to the countryside at the fringes of urban areas. Any waste proposals should not diminish either of these two functions.

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Blaby District Council supports opportunities to transport waste using non-road based solutions.

The criteria used to define the characteristics of strategic sites are broadly supported. However, it should be made clear that new sites will be resisted where they result in significant demonstrable detriment to new and existing residents.

Minerals Spatial Strategy

I would request that the comments made by this Authority concerning the Leicestershire and Leicester Minerals Local Development Framework (Core Strategy and Development Control policies) be considered alongside the comments below.

Blaby District Council supports opportunities to transport minerals using non-road based solutions.

Blaby District Council supports opportunities to use recycled materials / aggregates.

Blaby District Council wishes to re-affirm its opposition to sand and gravel extraction at Flash Farm (Huncote). Extensions to existing sites offer a less environmentally damaging solution.

If you wish to discuss this please call Paul Tebbitt, Senior Planning Policy Officer, on the number above.

Yours faithfully



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