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Dear Madam or Sir,

Thank you for consulting Ennstone Johnston Limited on the above document. The following comments and representations are submitted on behalf of the company, and they should read in conjunction with earlier representations .

1.. General – Overall the approach of the document is recognized as being balanced and measured to reflect the circumstances within the county. Therefore, in general, the proposed Spatial Strategy and the provisions in respect of Mineral safeguarding Areas are supported, subject to the further detailed representations set out below.

2.. Para. 3.1 – For the purpose of consistency and clarity the first sentence of this paragraph should be amended to refer to “new or extended mineral extraction.”

3.. Para 3.7- The preferred approach in favour of allowing extensions to existing sites is supported as being both appropriate and in accordance with national minerals policies.

4.. Para 4.29 – It should be recorded that the calculation of a surplus of crushed rock reserves does not serve to illustrate significant differences that exist in the levels of permitted reserves at individual sites, and nor would they sustain production for any substantial period beyond 2021.

5.. Para 4.38 – This paragraph should be expanded to recognize that there are a variety of circumstances under which extensions to existing sites may be permitted, and not just those mentioned. As stated in MPS 1 these include benefits in terms of efficient use and recovery of resources, enabling the industry to maintain or secure productivity growth and levels of employment, and also to reflect the different types of crushed rock aggregates produced/supplied. Moreover, from a spatial perspective there would appear to be little or no alternative to maintaining the existing pattern of supply from established sites in the longer term.

6.. Para 5.14 – The proposed buffer zones are supported, but it should be acknowledged that these do not represent minimum distances to be maintained between mineral operations and other development.

Should you wish to discuss anything arising from the representations I would be pleased to hear from you.

Regards

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