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Dear Mr Wright,

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND LEICESTER WASTE DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
POLICIES**

REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF LAFARGE AGGREGATES LTD

Thank you for consulting with us on the above document.

We set out below our comments on behalf of Lafarge Aggregates Ltd for whom, as you know we have promoted a number of waste management facilities.

Core Strategy

Following our concerns raised in our letter dated 29 November 2007, we feel that the Core Strategy is much improved in both its layout and content, and overall support the strategy. However, we do have some concerns over its timing. At present the Waste Core Strategy cannot provide any certainty over what facilities will be brought forward or where they will be located, there is

therefore a question over deliverability. This is due to the County Council entering into a procurement process to deliver a long term means of dealing with the residual municipal waste as part of the Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy. It is accepted that there is a need to move forward with the Core Strategy and a need for new facilities to be brought forward through the development framework process, we just think the document would be more useful once the procurement process had been completed. Hertfordshire County Council are in a very similar position, a pre-examination meeting was recently held by the appointed Inspector in to some concerns over the soundness of the documents, one of the key concerns related to timing of the Core Strategy with the procurement process for the management of municipal waste. The Inspector's recommendations are due shortly.

Policy CS2 sets out the strategy for strategic waste sites. Due to the constraints placed on the core strategy because of the procurement process Policy CS2 is very broad in outlining where strategic waste sites may be located. We would also have to query why landfills are not considered as strategic sites given that they will still have an important role to play in the disposal of residual waste after treatment and whilst new alternative waste management facilities become established.

It is welcomed that existing mineral sites are recognised in Policy CS4 as appropriate locations for waste sites.

Development Control Policies

It is also not clear from the supporting text or Policy DC9 how the collective effects of different impacts of an individual proposal will be assessed.

The remaining Development Control Policies seem reasonable and are supported.

I trust the above comments are of help to you, if you wish to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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