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Dear Sir

**CONSULTATION ON LEICESTERSHIRE AND LEICESTERSHIRE MINERALS
AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – REVISED PREFERRED
OPTIONS**

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2007 regarding the above draft documents

These have now been considered and I **enclose** for your attention three representations which are subject to formal approval by the Cabinet Member of Environment on 4 December 2007.

A copy of the report to be approved by the Cabinet Member is also **attached** for your information.

This decision is subject to an implementation period. Should any issues arise at this time which affects the attached response I will let you know.

Yours faithfully

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Nottinghamshire County Council Response to Leicester and Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Core Strategies Revised Consultation on Preferred Options – October 2007

(A) Minerals Core Strategy

Representation 1

Aggregates Provision - Para 4.20

The commitment to meet the agreed apportionment is supported. There is, however, some ambiguity about future sand and gravel provision where the focus seems to be on meeting the apportionment in tonnage terms without any similar commitment to maintaining an adequate production capacity. This is relevant as it seems likely that a number of existing quarries will close as they lack acceptable extensions (Para 4.20). The policy of not favouring new replacement quarries could lead to a shortfall in production capacity even if overall permitted reserves remain high. In practice this may not be an issue but it is recommended that this is clarified in the Submission Draft.

Representation 2

Gypsum safeguarding - Para 5.13

Para 5.13 which sets out the proposed safeguarding of the potential extension to the East Leake Mine is supported. This mineral along with a potential extension to the west at Costock in Nottinghamshire safeguarded in the Minerals Local Plan is believed to represent the last possible extensions to this important mine. The long term safeguarding of this mineral resource is justified and will provide a consistent approach for the remaining resources in both Counties.

(B) Waste Core Strategy

Representation 1

General comment on overall strategy

The proposed approach to provision and intention to manage waste locally in line with the Regional Spatial Strategy is supported.