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Dear Sirs

Woodhouse Parish Council supports the general thrust of the Minerals & Waste Development Framework document in its emphasis on careful control of minerals development in sensitive areas, but is concerned about the lack of \*specific protection\* for Charnwood Forest in the latest MDF Core Strategy & Development Control Policies document. In particular, the Council has concerns about proposals for extending existing quarrying operations in the area around Bardon Hill. The Council therefore offers the following comments:

Charnwood Forest is a key factor in the economic prosperity of the area. The area proposed at the foot of Bardon Hill is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty . Bardon Hill is a local landmark, and also contains a Site of Special Scientific Interest and, at over 1000 ft., is the highest point in the county. The Council considers that the applicant's statement that it would be an extension of an existing quarry is incorrect. The quarry to which it is planned to be linked is 1.5 miles away. Therefore any "extension" should be considered under a new planning application. Further quarrying in this location would destroy farmland on a greenfield site.

The Council also considers that approval for the above work would fail to comply with the Minerals Core Strategy and Development Control Policies, citing the following paragraph:

"The vision is to manage mineral extraction in Leicestershire in a way which meets the social and economic needs of the County and makes an appropriate contribution to the national and regional need for minerals in ways which seek to protect and enhance the character and quality of the environment and the quality of life for existing and future generations, in accordance with the principles of sustainability."

The Background Paper [June 2008] has two other relevant statements that support the Council's views:

"3.12 ... the sub-regional apportionments should not be regarded as inflexible and that the preparation of LDDs provides an important opportunity to test the practicality and environmental acceptability of policy proposals at the local level. "

"3.30 ... coupled with the geological limitations mean that it is not considered appropriate at the current time to contemplate any new greenfield sites for rock extraction, given the potential impact that such large scale development would involve, particularly within attractive areas of the County where development is being strictly controlled. "

Yours sincerely

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