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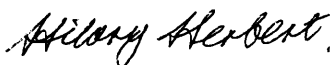
Draft Surrey Minerals Plan (Preferred Option Consultation)

The consultation on the Draft Surrey Minerals Plan ran from April to June 2006. We wish to thank everyone for responding to this consultation. Just over 3,000 responses were received, all of which are being analysed in detail. A report summarising the consultation responses, including brief clarification of some of the issues and responses to some of the questions raised, is being produced. The report will be available in September at County Hall, Surrey libraries and borough and district council offices, and on the County Council website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/mineralsplan. If you would like a paper copy you can request one by contacting Gayathri Kandiah at the address below, or telephoning 020 8541 9580.

After consideration of comments received, the plan will be revised. This revised plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State – currently scheduled for June 2007 – when there will be a further six-week period during which any outstanding objections can be raised. These representations will be considered by an independent inspector at a public examination, which is expected to be held in early 2008.

I will write to invite your comments when the revised plan is published for consultation next summer, and the County Council website will be updated with news and developments from time to time in the intervening period. We also have an email list of stakeholders who receive periodic update emails on progress with the preparation of the plan. If you would like to be added, please enter your email address on the <*Further information about the minerals plan*> web page, which is accessible from the links on the right of the main page at www.surreycc.gov.uk/mineralsplan

Yours sincerely



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