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Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Proposed Submission Consultation

With regards to your email dated 5th March on the above WMLP consultation, The Beaconsfield Society would like to thank you for drawing our attention to this. We have looked at this proposed plan online at <u>www.buckscc.gov.uk/MWLP</u> and would like to make the following points:

We understand the need for minerals and waste management in the area and the County. We would like to thank BCC for taking note of our previous representation that further expansion into the Green Belt be stopped. Most importantly that in particular no further expansion of activities or infrastructure or the role of Springfield Farm takes place, as the Town faces gridlock at various times in the day already, in particular with the north/south commute impacting on the A40 and A355 leading to and around Junction 2 of the M40.

Of greatest concern to us in Beaconsfield and The Beaconsfield Society is to ensure that as well as this provision of M&W sites there is also consideration given to the importance of fully understanding the knock-on consequences of these plans and in particular with regard to the management of traffic in and around Beaconsfield and where possible to ease congestion for the town's folk and not forgetting all the surrounding villages and towns commuting through it.

I am sure you are aware, Beaconsfield is the main conduit for north – south connectivity and therefore is already a major bottleneck at various times in the day and not just at am and pm rush hour. Therefore the Society would want to see an HGV traffic routing agreement be implemented and enforced to ensure traffic to Springfield Farm goes via Junction 3 to avoid the congested bottleneck of Junction 2.

We would also like HGV traffic movements to be limited to 'current actual' levels in the old town (London End) to avoid a massive escalation of HGV traffic through the town, now that Wapsey's Wood landfill is full. We would like you (BCC) to give your assurance that this is/will be put in place.

We would also like you to confirm the site's permitted HGV vehicle movements at Springfield Farm and their current vehicle movements ie are they at capacity. That would be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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