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Dear Sue,

**Potential housing allocation near Cole Green – Welwyn Hatfield Borough WGC5
Minerals Issues**

Following our recent meeting with the parties promoting the site known as Cole Green (WGC5) I requested further information regarding the possible presence of workable minerals.


As stated previously, much of the site has been worked (for sand and gravel) and filled with mixed waste (landfill) to create a final landform. The query arose regarding the agricultural fields to the south and west of the former landfill. It was unclear from the county council's records whether these areas had been previously worked and if not the presence of workable reserves assessed.

I can confirm that I have received a report from Wardrop Minerals Management Limited setting out the detailed investigations carried out on the site.

The report details the geological setting, investigations and results which conclude that there is no mineral resource contained within the fields lying to the west and south of the former landfill.

Having looked at the report and the borehole data provided, I can confirm that the county council is content with the conclusions reached and that the sites redevelopment would not, therefore, sterilise mineral resources.

Yours sincerely



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