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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a copy of our comments on the Issues and Options version of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge safe receipt.

Kind Regards
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Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation

Dear Sir

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Issues and Options Consultation on the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan. The following comments are made at officer level in consultation with the Chair of Planning Committee, and are limited to considering where the proposed strategy may have cross border implications. It is anticipated that the Derbyshire Minerals authority (i.e. Derbyshire County Council) will comment on other issues raised by the consultation.

At this stage of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan, the key concern of Bolsover Council is the protection of Creswell Crags, and its wider setting. Creswell Crags is one of the most important archaeological and geological sites in Britain. This is reflected in its status as: part of a Conservation Area; a Site of Special Scientific Interest; a Scheduled Ancient Monument; and part of a grade 2 designation on the National Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. In addition Creswell Crags is on the UK tentative list of potential World Heritage Sites;

Whilst it is acknowledged that industrial dolomite is a scarce resource, Creswell Crags is clearly a site of international importance. In addition, unlike many other forms of minerals workings any disturbance to this important site or its setting could not be remedied by the imposition of aftercare conditions.

Turning to our comments on specific questions in the consultation:

Overview of the Plan Area

Question 1 Do you think that any further information should be included in the overview of the area?

Paragraph 3 of the overview of the Plan area refers to the network of important sites for nature conservation in the county. It would be useful if this could be balanced by a reference to the historic environment in the form of the many historic buildings; Scheduled Ancient Monuments; and historic landscape areas in the county, many of which (including Creswell Crags) are in the countryside.

Draft Vision

Question 2 Do you agree with the draft vision? Are there other things we should include?

Paragraph 3 of the draft vision states 'Within geological constraints, mineral development... It is suggested the sentence is widened to read 'Within geological and

other significant constraints, mineral development... to highlight that geological constraints are not the only constraints on sites being developed for mineral workings.

Key Strategic Issues

Question 3 Are the above strategic issues appropriate? Are there others we should consider?

The third strategic issue is to minimise impacts on communities. It is suggested that this be expanded to include a reference to minimise impacts on key historic sites in the county.

Industrial Dolomite Provision

Question 20 Are you aware of any issues regarding the provision of industrial dolomite that should be considered as part of the Minerals Local Plan review?

Bolsover Council supports the final paragraph of this section of the consultation which acknowledges the importance of Creswell Crags; and also the associated Plan 5 which clearly shows the extent of the Scheduled Ancient Monument designation.

Development Management Policies

Question 25 Do you agree with the proposed development management policy areas? Are there any others that should be covered?

Bolsover Council supports the proposals to have development management policies on landscape character, and the historic environment, and look forward to commenting on these in greater detail at later stages of the Plan's development.

We hope that the above observations are helpful in preparing the next stage of your Local Plan, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss them in further detail.

Yours faithfully



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