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Mrs Victoria Eaton  
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Herefordshire Council

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## By email via the Programme Officer

Dear Mrs Eaton

### Examination of Herefordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Thank you for your letter of 2 May 2023, regarding Policy M2.

This latest data and further clarification now do provide sufficient justification and an appropriate approach to safeguard mineral resources.

Another sentence should be added into MM37 to ensure that the context and practical implications of the proposed Main Modification to Policy M2 can be understood. This will allow interested persons to comment if they wish in a structured way.

*"During the period 2020-2022 around half of all planning applications received in Herefordshire would have fallen within the Mineral Safeguarding Area. When applying the above criteria, around a quarter of all applications would have had to demonstrate how they would have protected the mineral resource and complied with Policy M2."*

Consequently, with the additional wording for the proposed MM37, no further information is required on this matter. A further hearing session is now unnecessary.

We would be grateful if the Council would place a copy of this letter on the Examination website. However, we need to be clear that we are not inviting or proposing to accept any comments on this letter from any Examination participants.

The consultation on the proposed Main Modifications which is the next part of the Examination process will provide the opportunity for any further representations on whether they adequately address any outstanding issues of soundness and legal compliance with the Plan.

Please forward the finalised copy of the Proposed Main Modifications document together with the revised Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessments to us via the Programme Officer.

Yours sincerely

*Nick Palmer*

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