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Dear Julie

**Publication of the proposed submission minerals local plan and omission sites consultation.**

Thank you for consulting us on the regulation 19 proposed submission minerals local plan. We appreciate you having taken our earlier comments into account regarding policy wording and as such we find this plan to be sound.

**Bromate plume**

There is understandable public concern over the 3 specific sites being located on or adjacent to the bromate plume. Whilst we are satisfied that bromate is mentioned in the 'Site-Specific Planning Issues' for each of the specific sites in Appendix 3, It may be worth highlighting the following points which are not explicitly mentioned:

1. No mineral is to be extracted from within the existing plume of bromate and bromide groundwater pollution
2. Any activities close to the plume must not change the existing hydrogeological flow regime
3. Any activities close to the plume must not interfere with the remediation of the bromate and bromide pollution.

These points have been reiterated in our formal response to the coopers green lane extension to Hatfield quarry application, which in turn was consistent with our response to the Hatfield Aerodrome and Furze field quarry applications.

I hope you find this response useful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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