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Dear Sir/Madam,

Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the expansion of Haslar IRC comprising the development of new accommodation blocks and ancillary supporting accommodation, the conversion and expansion of existing site infrastructure including internal roads, demolition of existing structures, minor amendment to coastal path to accommodate the creation of additional car parking, landscaping and associated site infrastructure at Haslar Immigration Removal Centre (IRC), Dolphin Way, Haslar, Gosport, PO12 2AW (CROWN/2026/0000005).

Thank you for consulting Hampshire County Council as the mineral planning authority (MPA) regarding this crown development application.

The proposed development lies within the mineral and waste consultation area – minerals section. This area is informed by the mineral safeguarding area (MSA) as defined through Policy 15: Safeguarding – mineral resources of the adopted Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2026) (HMWP) and indicates where viable, safeguarded mineral resources are likely to be present.

The purpose of this policy is to protect economically viable mineral resource deposits from needless and unnecessary sterilisation, in line with Chapter 17 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The policy seeks to maximise the recovery of viable mineral resources prior to development, this concept is known as prior extraction.

The Planning Statement fails to identify the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan as part of the Development Plan for the proposed development area. As

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such, the Planning Statement fails to adequately assess the planning policy context of the site.

The site lies wholly within the Mineral Safeguarding Area under Policy 15 of the HMWP, yet due to the failure to identify the HMWP as relevant adopted policy no assessment of mineral safeguarding has been undertaken.

Due to the site's location, nearby sensitive receptors, and the overall outline layout of the development, it is our assessment that the prior extraction of minerals would not be viable on this site.

However, full consideration must be given to the opportunities for mineral extraction prior to and/or as part of the proposed development ('incidental extraction'). It would be expected that high quality material, such as sand, gravel and soft sand would be processed and used for construction purposes, while lower quality material could be used for fill or similar.

Particular opportunities may lie in the recovery of mineral deposits uncovered during the preparation and construction phases of the project, for example through the excavation of footings or trenches for buildings, roads, landscaping, drainage and utility infrastructure associated with the development.

Re-using the recovered mineral on site, would encourage a reduction of excavation waste removed from site as well as inbound materials for construction uses associated with reduced costs. In addition, export of the recovered mineral off-site to a local mineral operator for further treatment has potential for revenue generation. It is recommended that discussions are made between the developer and a local mineral operator at the earliest stage.

Additional vehicle movements as well as noise, dust and vibration issues should not be 'above and beyond' what is expected in the construction phase, and so MRAs should apply the same buffers that are used for the construction activities.

The Minerals and Waste Planning Authority therefore request that the submitted construction management plans or similar, contain a statement outlining:

- i. a method for ensuring that minerals that can be viably recovered during the development operations are recovered and put to beneficial use; and
- ii. On the 1st April of each year, following commencement of the development, the tonnes of minerals extracted, quantity re-used on site, and if exported from

site its location of processing, shall be reported to the Mineral Planning Authority. The reporting of such shall be required until such time as the development is considered to be completed by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that minerals that can be viably recovered during the development operations are recovered and put to beneficial use in accordance with Policy 15 (Safeguarding – mineral resources) of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2026).

Further information on Hampshire County Council's approach to safeguarding is available in the adopted [Minerals and Waste Safeguarding in Hampshire Supplementary Planning Document](#) (SPD), which can be found on our [website](#).

Yours faithfully,



Principal Policy Planner