

DELEGATED OFFICER REPORT



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Application Number:	261846
Site Address:	Sonning Quarry, Playhatch Road, Sonning Eye, Playhatch, Reading, RG4 6TX
Expiry Date:	26 August 2026
Proposal: Consultation from Oxfordshire County Council for notice of Submission of Further Information in relation to Application for Planning Permission Accompanied by an Environmental Statement (Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 as Amended).	

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Sonning Parish Council	None received
WBC Highways	No objection, observations provided
WBC Environmental Health	No comments received

APPRAISAL

Is there a strategic impact upon Wokingham Borough?:

Yes	☐
No	☒

RECOMMENDATION

This is a re-consultation by Oxfordshire County Council on further environmental information submitted in respect of the proposed southern and eastern extension to Sonning Quarry. The supplementary material addresses ecology, landscape and visual effects, hydrology, hydrogeology and flood risk, and includes revised working and restoration information.

The proposal lies outside Wokingham Borough, but close to the administrative boundary and the village of Sonning. The principal matter for Wokingham Borough Council is, therefore, whether the continued quarry operations and associated traffic would result in a material effect within the Borough.

WBC Highways raises no objection to the proposal. Whilst the supplementary information indicates that extraction rates and HGV activity would remain as previously assessed, Highways notes that additional clarity regarding baseline and forecast HGV movements may assist Oxfordshire County Council's consideration of the proposal. Highways also highlights potential opportunities, through restoration and any associated long-term arrangements, to improve connections between the highway and public rights of way networks, including consideration of connections between the

Thames Path, Spring Lane and Bridleway 205/9/20 to support sustainable travel and wider accessibility.

Having regard to the submitted further information and the consultation response received, the proposal is not considered to give rise to a strategic impact upon Wokingham Borough. No objection is raised, subject to the observations above being taken into account by Oxfordshire County Council as Mineral Planning Authority.

Following appraisal of the further information and the consultation response received, the Local Planning Authority raises no objection to the proposal. The Council notes the observations of WBC Highways regarding future HGV forecasts and opportunities to enhance public rights of way connectivity through the restoration proposals, and trusts that these matters will be considered by Oxfordshire County Council in determining the application.

Date:	10 September 2026
Earliest date for decision:	24 August 2026

Recommendation agreed by: (Authorised Officer)	
Date:	11.09.26