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Dear Ashley,

Ref: Lincolnshire County Council Minerals and Waste Team and recent Planning and Regulation Committee decisions.

We do hope that this letter finds you well and we are asking for your help in our dispute with Lincolnshire County Council as the Mineral Planning Authority.

We have become increasingly concerned with LCC's procedures and continuing advice to Councillors. This was highlighted in the two recent Planning Applications PL/0129/22 & PL/0130/22 which were approved on the 6th November despite considerable opposition.

Despite our genuine grievances and complaints to the leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and The Head of Planning, our concerns have not been addressed and indeed it seems we have been fobbed off with an internal review and no independent scrutiny despite our requests for such.

To give you a brief history we attach copies of the recent correspondence between us.

May we seek your support on the following points and ask if you might be able to get any answers from the Chief Executive or Leader of the Council for us.

1. We have serious concerns that LCC is continually failing to consider the Cumulative Impact of all of the successive and simultaneous impacts caused by minerals and waste developments in conjunction with other developments that occurred in the past, present or are likely to occur in the foreseeable future as they are obliged to do under the NPPF guidelines and their own policies. We would like to know why the Officers are not ensuring that the Minerals applicants are providing the Council and Councillors with such information and why they are not robustly considering these impacts?
2. We have very serious concerns that the minerals and waste officers are deliberately and continually misleading the Councillors in the correct and true application of LCC policy DM17 and as a result DM3. This is rendering their decisions unsafe and open to challenge. We would like to know why the councillors are being repeatedly misled as to policy DM17 by the minerals and waste team?

We have attached a summary of the reasoning behind our dissatisfaction so you might easily see our reasoning.

LCC have informed us that our only remaining course of action is to proceed to judicial review of these two decisions, however we do not agree that that is the case and are exploring this as an option alongside other more serious options. We would all obviously like to avoid these but LCC's stonewalling and actions are leaving us precious little option.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of the councillors of West Deeping Parish Council

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