

# WEST DEEPING PARISH COUNCIL

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Andy Gutherson  
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Head of Planning  
Lincolnshire County Council

Dear Mr. Gutherson and Mr. McBride,

**Subject: Urgent Enquiry Regarding Proposed Minerals Sites SG17 and SG11,  
and Allocated Site MS29SL – Impact on Current Consultation Review**

We trust our letter finds you both well and that the transition to the new leadership has been smooth.

As you may well be aware, there has been a critical and fundamental development that directly impacts proposed minerals sites SG17 and SG11, and allocated site MS29SL. In case the news has yet to reach you - our community has been informed by the landowners that the landowner and operator consent for these sites has expired and that the landowners will not be renewing their agreement with the proposed operators, Breedon.

Whilst we appreciate that last year's public consultation generated an enormous response to the proposed plans and we also appreciate that you have asked to be given the time, space and discretion to gather and analyse the responses, this change of circumstances is so fundamental to the deliverability of these sites, that we felt it important to urgently bring it to your attention.

We suggest that it necessitates an immediate reassessment of these sites' viability and suitability, and their immediate withdrawal from the process.

As you are well aware, deliverability is a crucial tenet of the selection process and therefore to include these sites in your ongoing update of the mineral's plans would render your plan unsound.

Therefore, to ensure that the consultation review process is thorough, transparent and based on the most accurate information, we urgently request clarification on the following:

1. How will the absence of current landowner/operator consent be factored into the council's assessment of consultation responses regarding sites SG17, SG11, and MS29-SL?
2. What is the council's procedure for addressing site proposals where landowner consent is withdrawn during the planning process, particularly at this advanced stage?
3. Will the council commit to discounting these sites from the plan now that there is evidence that there will not be landowner / operator consent?

The ongoing heavy toll of the uncertainty of these highly contested sites on our community needs to be removed and so your earliest response would be welcome. We are eager to understand how the council intends to proceed, ensuring that community concerns are fully addressed and that any decisions are based on a sound and realistic assessment of the current circumstances.

Please let us know if there are any meetings or briefings planned to discuss this matter. We are available to meet at your earliest convenience to further discuss the implications for West Deeping.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Ian Coles**  
**Parish Clerk**  
**On behalf of West Deeping Parish Council**