

MW.0036/24 – Mineral Extraction Extension Sonny Eye

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Caversham and District Residents' Association (CADRA) acknowledges the need to source minerals, but the plan requires major revision before we could support it. Our concerns relate to flooding, the need to improve our natural environment, the importance of the natural landscape for public well-being and the impact on those living near the site.

The new mineral extraction area comes within 70 metres of the Thames Path, a nationally recognised and important public right of way. Extraction here will have a serious negative impact for the river, those living in the area and public enjoyment.

The proposal is a lost opportunity to create capacity in the floodplain to absorb floods, because most of the area extracted will be filled with “inert waste”, something which should not be done in a UK Government designated 3b Floodplain. There has been a noticeable increase in flooding frequency in recent years.

It is also a lost opportunity to gain some public access and to maximise the benefits to wildlife.

For these reasons CADRA objects to this application.