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Iver Parish Council
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Dear Ms Bennett



Planning application submitted for Sutton Court Farm, near Richings Park, Buckinghamshire

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ingrebourne Valley Limited (IVL) to inform you that we have submitted a planning application to develop land at Sutton Court Farm into a 11.9-hectare quarry for sand and gravel extraction.

IVL is an accredited quarrying company who extract and supply primary building materials to the London and wider South East construction market. The company has a proven track record in responsible mineral operations as well as restoring former quarries to 'best and most versatile' agricultural land, public open space and/or biodiversity conservation areas. See our website here for more information: <http://www.ingrebournevalley.com/>.

By way of a reminder, the site is situated near Richings Park in Buckinghamshire (see site location plan overleaf). The proposals are principally for mineral extraction, importation of restoration materials, and the development of a new access and ancillary facilities. All processing operations would be undertaken at another IVL site which already has the necessary infrastructure in place. This approach will reduce the impacts of noise and dust to nearby residents and minimise the visual impact of the operations. In the event that the proposals are granted consent, a comprehensive range of mitigation measures will be implemented, in accordance with best practice advice, to minimise environmental impacts. For example, we are seeking to minimise traffic impacts during busy periods of the day by ensuring vehicle movements are distributed evenly throughout the day.

The proposed development will take approximately seven years to complete. The site will be progressively restored after each phase of extraction, and within seven years will be fully restored to agricultural use, with enhanced biodiversity features and opportunities for wildlife.

The site has been identified by Buckinghamshire Council in its Minerals and Waste Local Plan as a suitable site for minerals extraction given its good quality mineral reserve and location. This will help to maintain a steady and adequate supply of materials for the construction sector in the local area as well as the wider market down the M4 corridor.

You may recall that we held a virtual public exhibition on the proposals between in November 2020 where we shared the plans. We received feedback from 13 residents and produced a full Statement of Community Involvement summarising the feedback received and our response to accompany the planning application. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to view the exhibition materials and share their comments and questions.

The next step is for the planning application to be validated by Buckinghamshire Council. They will shortly be running their own statutory consultation, which will provide you (and residents) with another opportunity to comment on the proposals. In due course (likely next year), the application will be determined at planning committee. All of the application documents will shortly be available on the planning portal of the Council's website should you wish to view them.

I hope this provides a useful update on the status of the planning application. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss anything further, please contact our community consultant Charlie Gilmartin on 020 3617 6359 or charlie@eqcommunications.co.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Yours sincerely,

James Sutton
Restoration and Mineral Planner, Ingrebourne Valley Limited



Site location plan

