

## **PAGE APM Notes 2018**

- These notes provide a concise summary of the current situation on the development of OCC's gravel extraction plans.
- The key points being; OCC Full Council approved Part 1 of new Minerals and Waste Strategy on 12<sup>th</sup> September, Local Aggregate Assessment(LAA), which is the annual sales planning number, set at 1.015 million tonnes compared to the 2016 last 10 year sales average of 595kt (an excess of 70%) or 3 year of 686kt (48%). This provides operators with the opportunity to apply for planning applications way in excess of likely need. Additionally, 75% of new sites will be located in the south of the county compared to 25% in the west.
- OCC launched Part 2 -Site Allocations earlier this year requesting site nominations from operators. There has been a big response with many previous nominations re-confirmed and a few new sites put forward.
- All the PAGE sites of Benson, Dorchester, Shillingford and Warborough (SG 03 & 13, 5.4 mt) and Berinsfield, Drayton St Leonard, Newington and Stadhampton (SG09 & 59, 6.0mt) have been re-confirmed.
- The key message is the threat of gravel extraction in the PAGE area is still very much alive!
- OCC's timetable is;
  - 22 May Consultation Paper to Cabinet
  - June-July Consultation on site options
  - Jan-Feb 2019 Consultation on Preferred Options
  - Sept-Nov 2019 Proposed submission plan for representations
  - Dec 2019 Plan to Secretary of State
  - March 2020 Independent examination hearings
  - Nov 2020 Adoption of Part 2 -Site Allocations
- This timetable assumes no slippage, experience over the last few years is that this is highly likely! So we have a fight on our hands for at least the next 3 years to protect our parishes from sand and gravel extraction, along with everything else!
- In the interim period any operator can apply for planning permission.
- The PAGE Steering Group, with representatives from all 8 parishes, has agreed to continue to lead this campaign to protect our villages, with the support of professional consultants.
- We greatly appreciate the financial support from Benson Parish Council and trust that you have budgeted for continuing support in 2018/19.
- Additionally, if villagers, especially newcomers, have any expertise which may be helpful in waging our campaign, then please step forward. Some of us have been fighting this latest campaign since 2010 and we need some new people to join us.