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Dear Sir / Madam

TAR021/JGC

Pre-Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 – Regulation 19 Consultation.

We are pleased to provide a response to the above Regulation 19 consultation on the draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024 – 39 (hereby the 'draft plan'), on behalf of our clients Tarmac Trading Ltd (Tarmac).

Tarmac are the operators of Sevenoaks Quarry, Greatness, which benefits from planning permission to extract mineral and other subsequent operations which was granted in 2010 (reference SE/08/675). These representations relate only to Tarmac's interests at Sevenoaks. This site features within the landbank calculations for soft sand, which support Policy CS2 of the draft plan.

As you may be aware, Tarmac submitted an outline planning application (OPA) to Sevenoaks District Council in 2022 for the redevelopment of Sevenoaks Quarry for a variety of uses including 800 homes, 150 dwellings for older people, a primary school, a mixed-use local centre, water sports facilities and supporting community, transport, green and blue infrastructure. This planning application received resolution to grant planning permission by Sevenoaks Planning Committee in June 2023, subject to the signing of the S106 Legal Agreement, which is due to be signed imminently.

As part of this outline planning application, Kent County Council were consulted as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority and undertook dialogue with Tarmac regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Quarry. Following this dialogue, and updated information submitted throughout the application determination process, KCC raised no objection to the development proposed. I enclose the consultation response which confirms this position.

This letter also notes the need to regularise the mineral planning permission which the site currently utilises for extraction, to ensure that this site can continue to operate alongside the redevelopment of the site, as proposed in the OPA. Tarmac will shortly be seeking preapplication dialogue with KCC to enable this process to begin, and this material to be prepared for submission. Tarmac have no comments to make on the draft plan itself, beyond highlighting the

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need to begin this regularisation process at Sevenoaks Quarry as soon as possible.

We look forward to formal confirmation that these comments have been received and processed. If you have any questions or queries regarding the points raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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