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Dear Simon,

Re: East of England Annual Monitoring Report

As required by the East of England Aggregate Working Party (EoEAWP) contract I am submitting the East of England Annual Monitoring Report for the year 2017 to you. I hope that you find this of interest and would be grateful if a copy could be placed on the MHCLG website, in the usual manner, so that it is publically available. For your information the report will also be placed on the East of England Aggregate Working Party's (AWP) own website (hosted by Central Bedfordshire Council).

I am sending this directly to you as I understand that there is currently no MHCLG officer responsible for minerals planning matters.

The lack of MHCLG support for minerals planning is of considerable concern to members of the EoEAWP. There was considerable discussion at the latest meeting held in June 2018, when amongst other matters, the forecasting of future aggregates needs on a national basis was considered, as well as the work of the AWP's more widely, to help ensure that a steady and adequate supply of aggregates is maintained to meet the future Growth Agenda.

The EoEAWP has previously written to DHCLG/MHCLG to express its concerns on the lack of central support on several occasions over the last year or so and most recently has responded to the NPPF review in a comprehensive manner in as far as it relates to minerals matters. The sufficient provision of minerals is essential to the economic growth of the country and directly related to the UK's Housing and Growth Agenda. It is important that the Government recognises this and especially the important work AWP secretariats have in ensuring a steady and adequate supply of minerals is maintained in the national interest.

Yours sincerely


Richard Greaves
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