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Dear Colin Sharpe

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO 3/2012/0797
PROPOSAL PROPOSED STATIC CARAVAN/LODGE PARK
LOCATION LAND AT SOUTHPORT HOUSE SAWLEY LANCASHIRE BB7 4ND**

This planning application has been brought to the County Council's attention as minerals planning authority for the area. I refer you to the development plan for the area, specifically the *Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Framework Core Strategy* and emerging *Site Allocation and Development Management Policies*, and the *National planning Policy Framework*.

The application is in a Mineral Safeguarding Area as defined by emerging policy M2 of the *Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework Site Allocation and Development Management Policies and Proposals Map*.

The National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 144, states:

"Local planning authorities should not normally permit other development proposals in mineral safeguarding areas where they might constrain potential future use for those purposes"

The adopted Lancashire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy Policy CS1 states:

"Mineral resources with the potential for extraction now or in the future will be protected from permanent sterilisation by other development. Extraction of mineral resources prior to other forms of development will be encouraged."



The emerging Policy M2 from the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Site Allocation and Development Management Policies document states:

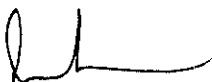
Within these mineral safeguarding areas identified planning permission will not be supported for any form of development that is incompatible by reason of scale, proximity and permanence with working the minerals, unless the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the minerals planning authority that:

- *The mineral concerned is no longer of any value or has been fully extracted.*
- *The full extent of the mineral can be extracted satisfactorily prior to the incompatible development taking place.*
- *The incompatible development is of a temporary nature and can be completed and the site returned to its original condition prior to the minerals being worked.*
- *There is an overarching need for the incompatible development that outweighs the need to avoid sterilisation of the mineral resource.*
- *That prior extraction of minerals is not feasible due to the depth of the deposit.*
- *Extraction would lead to land stability problems.*
- *In the case of peat deposits, that it no longer serves as a carbon sink.*

The mineral safeguarding area indicates that sand and gravel and limestone may be present. In certain circumstances, a caravan park could be taken to constitute development of a temporary nature, given the likely degree of engineering it would entail. Further, I note there is no quarry nearby that would be immediately affected by this development.

We therefore do not raise any objection to this development.

Yours faithfully



Marcus Hudson
Head of Planning