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Mr Chris Bamber
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Dear Mr Bamber,

CUMBRIA MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
The Town and Country Planning
(Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004
Regulation 26 Pre-submission consultation on Changes to the Preferred Options
Core Strategy

This is a consultation about the County Council's plan for minerals and waste management developments. The plan relates to those parts of Cumbria that are outside the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks and is for the period up to 2020.

Following last spring's consultation about Preferred Options the County Council would now welcome comments on a revised draft of its Preferred Options Core Strategy. This sets out the overall strategy and vision of the plan and contains policies and proposals for minerals and waste management developments.

I have enclosed a CD-Rom plus 2 paper copies of the documents. If you would like any more documents, telephone 01539 773403.

Changes to the Preferred Options Core Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal report can also be viewed, from 1 November, on our on-line consultation website via a quick link from the County Council website www.cumbria.gov.uk. Copies of the Preferred Options documents are also available for inspection at County Offices, Kendal; The Courts, Carlisle and at district council planning offices between 0900 and 1630 hours Mondays to Fridays, and at public libraries (excluding mobile libraries) during their opening hours.

In accordance with the Regulations, comments need to be received during the six-week period **1st November to 14th December 2007**. The comments form can be posted to Environment Unit, County Offices, Kendal LA9 4RQ, or emailed to mwdf@cumbriacc.gov.uk.

If you would like to use the software to make comments you will find that your details have already been entered to our on-line consultation software with the user name **GONW**. For help in accessing or commenting on line, or to discuss the issues in the plan, please ring 01539 773548.

Any comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address when a Development Plan Document has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and when it has been adopted by the County Council.

The County Council's final versions of the Core Strategy and Generic Development Control Policies will be submitted to the Secretary of State in February 2008 with a consultation period in Spring 2008. The Site Allocation Policies that identify proposed sites for waste management developments and minerals are also being revised and will be published for consultation towards the end of 2008. We would welcome suggestions at any time for additional sites that could be considered in that document.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaun Gorman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shaun Gorman
Head of Environment

Enclosures: CD Rom
Summary and Response Form
Table of policies and alternatives
Newsletter
Changes to the Preferred Options Core Strategy
Sustainability Appraisal Report, Stage 2.1