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Dear Sir/Madam,

WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – SCOPE AND CONTENTS CONSULTATION

Thank you for allowing us opportunity to make representations in respect of the above consultation. Please find below our comments relating to the Local Plan Review Scope and Contents Document, on behalf of Tarmac Trading Ltd (Tarmac). Our client has interests within Warrington Borough, which are currently limited to Warrington Asphalt Plant at Antrim Road.

The Warrington Asphalt Plant is an operational plant which Tarmac have long-term plans to continue to operate throughout the Local Plan Review plan period. Tarmac are also currently exploring the potential for the development of a waste / recycling facility within Warrington Borough, but have yet to establish a preferred location for the facility.

With regard to the Local Plan Review Scope and Contents Document, Tarmac support the overall principle of growth within Warrington Borough, and the need to deliver new opportunities for the development of land for employment purposes. A named focus of the Plan, 'the provision of land for economic development and a growing local economy' is supported. Additionally, the growth objectives of the Local Plan Review will lead to a significant need for local asphalt supply to accommodate the delivery of the desired levels of development and associated infrastructure.

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Given the growth objectives and associated need for asphalt supply, our client wishes to address paragraph 3.12 of the Scope and Contents document for consultation, which states that: 'The current Plan does not contain all the necessary policies relating to Minerals and Waste.' Tarmac would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of the minerals industry and the vital role it will play in enabling the development of the growth levels aspired to by central government and Warrington Borough Council. The importance of minerals and waste should be reflected in future drafts of the Local Plan Review.

Tarmac consider that the the Local Plan Review should contain consideration of the principle of safeguarding minerals development to ensure that important resources are not needlessly sterilised or impacted upon by non-minerals development. Although the Warrington Asphalt Plant is located within an existing industrial area, the importance of the site merits inclusion in any safeguarding policy which should be included in future drafts of the Plan Review. Safeguarding mineral infrastructure is supported within NPPF Chapter 13. Going forward the Local Plan Review should include policies supporting the sustainable delivery of minerals where required, and the need to protect sensitive new development and mineral working from one another. As well as safeguarding existing minerals and waste sites, the potential for new sites in appropriate locations should be supported to deliver the infrastructure and facilities required by Warrington Borough now and over the Plan period.

I trust that these comments are helpful. Should you wish to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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