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Dear Sirs

**BEDFORDSHIRE & LUTON MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN**  
**REPORT OF INQUIRY INTO OBJECTIONS**  
**OBJECTIONS BY STEETLEY WOBURN BENTONITE**  
**OBJECTION NUMBERS: 17/11-13 & 2DD17/2**

1. As you know, I have been appointed by the First Secretary of State to deal with the above objections made to the *Bedfordshire & Luton Minerals & Waste Local Plan*. These objections relate to sections of the Local Plan that deal with Fuller's Earth. I am dealing with these objections because the inspector appointed to hold the inquiry into this Local Plan, Mrs Leonora Rozee, has previously held an inquiry and reported to the Secretary of State on a site-specific proposal to extract Fuller's Earth by these objectors at a site at Wavendon Heath within the area of this Local Plan.
2. I have considered the written representations made by this objector, along with the Council's responses. I visited the area and sites referred to in these objections on an unaccompanied basis on 22 January 2004. I now enclose a separate report containing my recommendations on these objections.
3. My report is intended to be read together with the Second Deposit Draft of the Local Plan (January 2003) and the submitted objections and Council's responses. It should also be read in the context of the main report and recommendations of the inspector appointed to hold the inquiry and deal with the remaining objections to this Local Plan.
4. My report concludes that the approach and contents of the Local Plan in respect of Fuller's Earth is generally sound, but I recommend minor modifications to the text in paragraphs 2.5.3, 3.1.1 & 3.1.3.

Yours faithfully

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