



STATEMENT

The College entered into a contract with Smiths Concrete Limited to take forward a planning application for potential mineral extraction at land near Barford. Warwickshire County Council has stated the site's potential to provide minerals to meet local needs as part of its Minerals Local Plan 2018-32 which was adopted on 19 July 2022. Following an extensive consultation process and an independent examination into the soundness of the Warwickshire Minerals Plan by a Planning Inspector, this site was deemed to be one of the most sustainable sites to meet local needs during the Plan period.

Zoe Hancock, Principal Bursar, comments: "The College will not allow any activity on its land that does not comply with the local authority's plan and environmental and safety regulations. We will require the land to be returned to good order at the end of the process. The provision of minerals, which are required for local housebuilding and infrastructure from the most sustainable local sites, as identified by the Council and scrutinised by a Planning Inspector, are critical to ensure environmental harm is minimised whilst supporting local economic growth and infrastructure needs."

Notes to Editors

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St John's College

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