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**From:** Andrew Gunn <AZGunn@somerset.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 October 2020 09:08  
**To:** Joanna Manley <Joanna@origin3.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Templecombe

Hi Jo  
Please find below my response in regard to the site at Templecombe.

Thanks  
Andrew

Dear Jo  
Thank you for your email and attached plans in regard to a proposed residential development at the above site.

Having checked our records, I confirm that the application site lies partially within the Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA) – please see attached extract showing the extent of the MSA in regard to the above site.

In regard to the implications of the MSA designation and a proposed residential use, I would draw your attention to Policy SMP9 (Safeguarding) of the Somerset Minerals Plan 2015.

I would advise that I am not aware of any current operator interest in this area of land for possible extraction purposes. Moreover, due to the location of the proposed site, which is along part of the very eastern edge of the MSA; the very limited and irregular shaped piece of land within the MSA on this eastern side of the A357; the remaining and significantly much larger MSA to the south and west; and the close proximity of existing residential properties to the MSA site, I would advise that on the basis of the information currently available, I would not envisage that the mineral resource in this significant MSA would be sterilized and thus unlikely that a policy objection, in respect of the possible impact upon minerals, would be raised.

I must stress that the above advise is given at officer level and does not prejudice the decision of the County Council in regard to any application that may be submitted.

Regards  
Andrew

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