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## **FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Local residents are now able to provide feedback on proposed planning applications to be made by companies within the Hills Group with the launch of the website [www.hills-group.co.uk/consult](http://www.hills-group.co.uk/consult)

Regularly updated, the website contains details of planning applications the companies intend to make and gives information to help local people understand the companies' proposals. Most importantly it provides an opportunity for feedback to be given during the pre-application consultation phase.

Mike Hill, chief executive, said, "We recognise the value of good communication with our neighbours and local communities. We like to speak to people in person and hold regular liaison meetings with local people and their elected representatives in communities who live and work close to areas where we operate. This website is another means of making information available and of welcoming feedback from our stakeholders."

Comments received will be used by Hills in preparing planning applications to ensure that concerns raised are addressed. Details of planning applications which have already been submitted for approval to local authorities are also provided .

In addition, the website gives information on

- the Hills Group's active involvement and partnerships in the region's community which has resulted in grants almost £8 million to community and wildlife projects over the past 15 years.
- Minutes of liaison meetings held with representatives of local communities in areas where the companies have their operations

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Notes to editors:

**The Hills Group Limited**

Established in 1900 The Hills Group Limited is a privately owned family company with a broad and successful portfolio of business activities which include recycling and waste management; quarrying of aggregates and production of ready-mixed concrete; and building new homes. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas. The Group has a turnover of £67 million and employs almost 400 people over 28 sites. [www.hills-group.co.uk](http://www.hills-group.co.uk)

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