Oxfordshire County Council is preparing a local plan to be called the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy and proposes to submit this document to the Secretary of State for independent examination. This plan will set out the Council’s vision, objectives, spatial strategies and core policies for minerals and waste developments in the County of Oxfordshire for the period to 2031.

The Council is publishing the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document and other related proposed submission documents on 19 August 2015, to enable representations about the plan to be made before it is submitted for examination. The Council believes the document as published is sound and provides the most appropriate strategies and policies to meet identified minerals and waste development needs.

From 19 August 2015 the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document, the sustainability appraisal report of the plan, a statement about consultation carried out in the preparation of the plan and other proposed submission documents, and a statement of representations procedure, can be viewed online and downloaded at: http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy and will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at:

Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford OX1 1NE.

The Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy Proposed Submission Document will also be available to be viewed during normal opening hours at County Council Libraries in Oxfordshire and at the following District Council offices:

Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA;
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils, 135 Eastern Avenue Milton Park, Milton OX14 4SB;
West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney OX28 1PB.
Representations may be made about this plan. Representations should relate to matters of legal compliance or to the government’s tests of soundness. A form on which representations should be made and guidance on making representations are available with the proposed submission documents and can be downloaded from the Council’s website (as above) or obtained from the Minerals and Waste Policy Team (see below).

**Representations must be received by 5.00pm on 30 September 2015.**

Representations may be made either in writing or by electronic communications and should be sent to the County Council using the representation form provided, by one of the following two ways:

a) Send a representation by email to:
   mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk

b) Send a representation by post to:
   Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Consultation
   Environment & Economy
   Planning Regulation (Minerals & Waste)
   Oxfordshire County Council
   Speedwell House, Speedwell Street
   Oxford OX1 1NE.

**Only representations made in writing or by electronic communications which arrive at one of the addresses specified above by 5.00pm on 30 September 2015 will have a right to be considered.**

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific email or postal address of any of the following:

- the submission of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for independent examination;
- the publication of the Inspector’s report and recommendations following the examination; and

The County Council cannot treat any representations that are made as confidential; the public has a right to see all representations made. All representations will be sent to the Secretary of State and copies will be held by Oxfordshire County Council and will be available for the public to view by appointment and will be published on the Council’s website.

For further information or to obtain a representation form, please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team at the address above or by:
   Email: mineralsandwasteplanconsultation@oxfordshire.gov.uk
   Telephone: 01865 815544 or 01865 810431.

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