


## Part 1 – Respondent Details

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<b>Are you writing as</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> A resident <input type="checkbox"/> A local business <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals industry <input type="checkbox"/> Waste industry	<input type="checkbox"/> A parish council <input type="checkbox"/> A district council <input type="checkbox"/> A county council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) Unitary / neighbouring authority

<b>Please tick the appropriate boxes if you wish to be notified of any of the following:</b>	
That the Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Core Strategy has been submitted for independent examination	x
Publication of the Inspector's report and recommendations	x
Adoption of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy	x

<b>Please sign and date the form:</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	16/09/15

## Part 2 – Representation

Please complete this part (Part 2) of the form separately for each separate representation you wish to make.

You can find an explanation of the terms used below in the accompanying guidance on making representations.

### 2(a) State which part of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy you are making a representation about

Part or policy no. or paragraph

Please see below

### 2(b) Do you consider the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy is: (tick as appropriate)

- (i) Legally compliant?       Yes                       No
- (ii) Sound?                       Yes                       No

If you have answered **No** to question 2(b)(ii), please continue to question 2(c). In all other cases, please go to question 2(d).

### 2(c) Do you consider the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy is unsound because it is not: (tick as appropriate)

- (i) Positively prepared
- (ii) Justified
- (iii) Effective
- (iv) Consistent with national policy

On the following pages, please set out why you think the Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy is legally non-compliant and/or unsound and any changes you are suggesting should be made to it that would make it legally compliant or sound.

**Please note** your representation should include as succinctly as possible all the information and evidence necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on your representation at this stage. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

**2(d) Please give details of why you consider the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy is not legally compliant or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible.**

**If you agree that the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy is legally compliant and/or sound and wish to support this, please also use this box to set out your comments.**

West Berkshire Council (WBC) is a unitary authority and so is responsible for minerals and waste planning for the authority. WBC also is a neighbouring authority of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). It is acknowledged by both WBC and OCC that there are cross-boundary movements of minerals and waste between the two authority areas.

#### Duty to Cooperate

As part of Local Plan preparation OCC and WBC cooperate with each other, engaging constructively, and actively on an ongoing basis, in the context of cross boundary strategic minerals and waste matters. It is envisaged that such dialogue will continue as OCC develops the Part 2: Sites Allocations document and as WBC continues to develop the emerging West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

#### Minerals

In paragraph 3.3(a) as part of the Vision, and in 3.4(iii) as part of the mineral planning objectives it is indicated that OCC will make an appropriate contribution to meeting the wider needs of aggregate minerals, recognising the strategic importance of the mineral resources in Oxfordshire. Acknowledging the likely ongoing cross-boundary movements of aggregate minerals between authorities, this approach is supported by WBC.

In particular WBC supports the acknowledgement that OCC will continue to be a net exporter of soft sand. This is of importance to WBC as the only soft sand reserves worked in West Berkshire in the last decade have been from sites located in the AONB. Although WBC is in the early stages of plan preparation, and it is unclear what strategy will be pursued in respect of mineral extraction from the AONB in the future, this commitment from OCC to seek to maintain a position of net exportation of soft sand may enable WBC to work with OCC, through the duty to cooperate, to develop a strategy whereby, to ensure the protection of the AONB, any level of unmet need that could be a consequence of the strategy adopted in WBC can be satisfactorily accommodated in neighbouring authority areas.

#### Waste

Waste Planning Objective i (paragraph 3.7) is centred on Oxfordshire being 'net self-sufficient' in terms of meeting its own needs in terms of waste management. Acknowledging the likely ongoing cross-boundary movements of waste between authorities, this approach is supported by WBC.

We note that 'Policy W6: Landfill' makes reference to existing non-hazardous landfill facilities providing for the disposal of waste from other areas (including

London and Berkshire) as required. Acknowledging the likely ongoing cross-boundary movements of residual waste for landfill between authorities, again this approach is supported by WBC.

The waste strategy that will be pursued in the emerging West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document remains in the early stages of development, and it is anticipated that a net self sufficient approach will be pursued. However, there is no longer any non hazardous landfill capacity in WBC and, due to the geological makeup of the authority, and lack of operator interest, it is predicted that it is unlikely that there will be any future non hazardous landfill capacity provided in the future. Therefore the acknowledgement that there will be an ongoing cross boundary movement of waste from West Berkshire to the landfill sites in Oxfordshire is welcomed. WBC would like to continue to discuss the potential for working with OCC, through the duty to cooperate, to ensure that WBC can develop a strategy whereby the level of unmet need for non hazardous landfill from WBC can be satisfactorily accommodated in neighbouring authority areas.

For the sake of clarity these comments are made at an officer level and there has been no member involvement in the compilation of this response.

However the planning policy member working group at WBC is aware of the development of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Part 1 – Core Strategy and were involved in earlier comments provided by West Berkshire Council on the emerging plan. The comments in this response echo the earlier comments made by West Berkshire Council at the preferred options stage.

Continue on a separate sheet or expand the box if necessary

**2(e) Please set out the changes(s) you consider necessary to make the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy legally compliant or sound, having regard to the reason you have identified at 2(c) above where this relates to soundness. You should say why this change will make the Core Strategy legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.**

Continue on a separate sheet or expand the box if necessary.

