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To OCC Environment & Economy Minerals & Waste Core Strategy consultation  
Planning Regulation (Minerals & Waste)


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Dear Peter Day

**OXON MINERALS & WASTE LOCAL PLAN PART 1 - CORE STRATEGY**

I enclose the comments agreed by this Council at a meeting held on the 8 September 2015.

Yours sincerely

  
Carl Smith  
AT Clerk

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## Oxfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan Part 1 - Core Strategy

The core strategy can be browsed on the internet website :  
[Oxfordshire.gov.uk.cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy](http://Oxfordshire.gov.uk.cms/content/minerals-and-waste-core-strategy) and is based on the years between 2011 to 2031.

The crux of the policies are to reduce waste & naturally won minerals and to improve on less throw away by households, encourage more recycling and the re-use of demolition materials and others.

The programme is that public consultation takes place up to 30 September 2015 and there will be an examination in public by an independent inspector during 2016.

### Under Minerals Objectives

Policy 3.41 vi Deals with minimising flood risk, where the Council believe there should be more emphasis on sustainable drainage and capturing pollution.

Policy is between 3.41 vii. & viii Deals with minimising transport impact on local communities. This involves encouraging lorry movements to use rail/ waterways/ pipelines/ conveyors. There needs to be emphasis on preventing lorries using local roads that are not designated as OCC Lorry routes, particularly on roads passing through local communities where District Councils have identified and declared the locality as an Air Quality Management Area, which requires an Air Quality Action Plan to reduce pollution level emissions such as nitrogen dioxide and carbon monoxide. Lorries using such local roads through an AQMA need to be strictly controlled by lorry routing agreements and weight restrictions etc..

### Minimising Waste

There would be concerns that if the County Council closes certain recycling centres it will discourage households from recycling and could lead to more fly-tipping in the countryside.

There is a policy to protect communities from harmful effects which is considered needs to have a greater emphasis on protecting the surrounding countryside from pollution and to enhance landscape screening.

### Imported Aggregate By Rail

There are 3 existing depots being at Banbury (Hennef Way) , Sutton Courtney (Appleford sidings) at Kidlington ( relocated Water Eaton railway sidings) and

permitted facilities at Shipton on Cherwell and any others identified in annual monitoring reports. A depot at Hinksey sidings is for railway use only.

Under the list of other permitted facilities the Parish Council request that a site on MOD land where there branch lines runs into it, or by the site should be proposed as an aggregate depot to cater for development to take place in Bicester and surrounding areas.

The relocated Water Eaton railway sidings to enable the construction of the new Oxford Parkway station has involved sacrificing a significant area of green belt land against the wishes of this Parish Council. There are concerns over this facility now being constructed may not have adequate water pollution control, unacceptable landscaping proposals for screening off its impact from the local community and countryside, having uncontrollable noise and light levels. There are also many lorries that will ignore OCC designated lorry routes and instead use the C43 Bicester Road through the Gosford gap by the Kings Arms Harvester traffic signalised junction. This locality is an area designated by Cherwell District Council for an Air Quality Action Management Plan.

The Parish Council would be against any waste or aggregate recycling centre or for development being proposed in the relocated Water Eaton railway sidings.