

Part 1 – Respondent Details

1(a) Personal details									
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Job Title (where relevant)	Clerk								
Organisation (where relevant)	Middleton Stoney Parish Council								
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Please tick the appropriate boxes if you wish to be notified of any of the following:	
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

Please sign and date the form:			
Signature:	A F Hickman	Date:	23.9.2015

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

Policy W5 – Location of Waste Management Facilities

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.

Re Policy W5 – Location of Waste Management Facilities

Location of sites

Response by Middleton Stoney Parish Council.

Oxfordshire County Council is conducting a consultation on its proposals to reduce the number of Household Waste Recycling Centres to 3 or 4. The response to this consultation (which closes on 5 October) is repeated below since it should form part of the thinking within the overall Core Strategy for Waste Management within Oxfordshire.

We note that the current Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) situated at Ardley is due to be closed and this is likely to be by 2017 since the site is not owned by the County Council but by Viridor, the commercial operator of the Ardley Fields Farm Landfill site. The Landfill site itself is now closed and the site will be restored in accordance with the Planning Permissions granted to this site.

The closure of this site will leave the town of Bicester and its surrounding villages with no HWRC from some point in 2017. You will be aware that the newly adopted Cherwell Local Plan provides for some 10,129 new homes for Bicester during the plan period to 2031. This is a significant level of growth and will inevitably lead to a much greater need for household waste recycling facilities, over and above those which may be provided by kerbside collections.

It may indeed be your plan to provide a site for Bicester which meets your criteria of locating sites '*as close as possible to centres of population*' and limiting '*drive time for residents*'. However, your timeline for the proposed changes gives us cause for great concern. For reference your timeline provides for:

- **searches** – short term 1-2 years
- **development** - medium term 3-5 years and then
- **closing of existing sites** - 5 years plus.

This would mean that even if a site located near to Bicester were to be considered it could leave Bicester without a site for some 3 years after the closure of the Ardley site in 2017. This is clearly not acceptable if considered alongside the projected growth within the Bicester area.

Our view is that a site near to Bicester, probably situated close to the existing ring road should be chosen now and developed fully to ensure that when the Ardley

site closes in 2017 there is a seamless transfer of activity. This issue for Bicester should be viewed as urgent and thus subject to an accelerated timescale.

Further, and in order to facilitate this, the provision of Household Waste recycling facilities should be included within conditions for granting of future planning applications which arise from the growth strategy for Bicester.

Fly tipping

In spite of your assurances within the consultation documents we remain concerned on this aspect. Certainly if Bicester is deprived of a facility following the closure of the Ardley site then we think it is inevitable that there will be an increase in fly tipping which should provide even more incentive to act quickly. In saying this we bear in mind that existing household waste sites are also used by small commercial operators so it is not simply an issue deriving from private households.

Opening Hours

If opening hours are reduced this again could lead to fly tipping if customers are not able to access sites easily at times convenient to them. As an aside, the reduction in opening hours will also, we believe, inevitably lead to traffic congestion at sites which again may lead customers to avoid them.

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.

Please see 2d above.

Immediate efforts should be made to identify and commission a new HWRC near to Bicester Town to ensure adequate provision for that rapidly expanding centre of population.

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

2(f) Written representations or oral hearing

If your representation is seeking a change to the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral hearing part of the examination? *(tick box below as appropriate)*

<p>No, I wish to communicate through written representations</p>	
<p>Yes, I wish to participate at the oral hearing part of the examination (go to 2(g))</p>	

***Please note** the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated they wish to participate at the hearing part of the examination.*

<p>2(g) If you wish to participate at the hearing part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.</p>
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<p>Continue on a separate sheet or expand the box if necessary</p>

Please complete Part 2 of the form separately for each separate representation you wish to make, and submit all the Parts 2s with one copy of Part 1 and Part 3.