


Part 1 – Respondent Details

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| 1(a) Personal details | |
| Title | Cllr Dr |
| First Name | Lidia |
| Last Name | Arciszewska |
| Job Title (where relevant) | Member of HPC Planning committee |
| Organisation (where relevant) | Hanborough Parish Council |
| 1(b) Agent details <i>Only complete if an agent has been appointed</i> | |
| Title | |
| First Name | |
| Last Name | |
| Job Title (where relevant) | |
| Organisation (where relevant) | |
| 1(c) Contact address details <i>If an agent has been appointed please give their contact details</i> | |
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| Email address | ██ |
| Are you writing as | <input type="checkbox"/> A resident <input type="checkbox"/> A local business <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals industry <input type="checkbox"/> Waste industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A parish council <input type="checkbox"/> A district council <input type="checkbox"/> A county council <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

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

| Please sign and date the form: | | | |
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| Signature: |  | Date: | 22.09.2015 |

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 M3

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.

Hanborough Parish Council has serious concerns with the proposal of Lower Evenlode Valley becoming a principal location for sharp sand and gravel extraction as stated in policy M3 of the new OCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy. The site as drawn on the map published on the 19th of August, 2015 (encompassing the previously designated SG08) covers a large area west of the Evenlode River and stretches over 2 miles from A40 in the South to the Cotswold Lane railway track in the North; the western and northern borders of it come very close to the settlements of the Hanborough villages. The extraction of sand and gravel within such a sizable area along the valley would lead to an irrevocable large scale erosion of the very attractive, rural landscape in this region, which is immediately adjacent to the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and also Church Hanborough and Millwood End conservation areas.

The proposed mineral extraction in the valley would surround entirely more than 20 residential dwellings (including one Grade II listed), two farms and Willow Cottage Nursery School located at Lower Road (60 children; 20 staff) and would be proximal to Daffodil Nursery School in Long Hanborough (42 children, 10 staff). The site is also immediately adjacent to the edge of the Church Hanborough village conservation area, ancient Pinsley Wood and the eastern part of Long Hanborough.

Lower Road, which runs throughout the middle of the proposed site, parallel to the Evenlode River, is a narrow, winding rural road, which lacks proper drainage, has indistinct verges, and is totally unsuited to carry aggregate lorries traffic. The road has no convenient positions that

could provide safe access to the extraction workings. Moreover, it has been already badly damaged by the lorries servicing City Farm and Wintles Farm landfill and recycling facilities in recent years. Lower road is also already taking large volumes of traffic escaping congestion elsewhere.

Sand and gravel development along the Lower Evenlode Valley and associated with it noise, dust, vibration, traffic and pollution would affect directly a substantial number of residents living within the valley itself and in the adjoining parts of both villages and children attending both nursery schools and indirectly the whole population of Hanborough Parish (ca 2800) and the nearby villages of Freeland, North Leigh and Bladon.

Two ancient woods in this part of Evenlode Valley, Pinsley Wood and Burleigh Wood, along with the river meadowlands provide important habitats for many flora and fauna species that are declining elsewhere (roe deer, otters, water voles, etc). The numerous hedgerows of this area also support a variety of declining species including owls, kestrels, buzzards, bats, green and spotted woodpeckers, stoats and many others. In addition the Eynsham Mill natural reserve attracts a variety of migratory birds (the lists could be available on request). Great crested newts had been seen in several ponds. Sand and gravel extraction would have a longstanding detrimental effect on these precious ecological niches and would also ruin the connectivity between them.

Considering, the relatively low density of the sand and gravel deposits within this area as compared to other potential mineral sites and its very elongated geography, the Parish Council's opinion is that the damage to the landscape and social and natural environment caused by this extraction would overwhelmingly outweigh the benefits.

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.

policy M3; sharp sand and gravel section: first resource area listed should be changed from:

The Thames, Lower Windrush and Lower Evenlode Valleys area from Standlake to Yarnton.

To:

The Thames, Lower Windrush and Lower Evenlode south of A40 Valleys area from Standlake to Yarnton.

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)*

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| No, I wish to communicate through written representations | XXXX |
| Yes, I wish to participate at the oral hearing part of the examination (go to 2(g)) | |

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.

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| <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> |
| Empty space for response |
| <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.