

## Part 1 – Respondent Details

<b>1(a) Personal details</b>		
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<b>Job Title (where relevant)</b>		
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>	CHURCH HANBOROUGH and LOWER EVENLODE RESIDENTS GROUP	
<b>1(b) Agent details</b> <i>Only complete if an agent has been appointed</i>		
<b>Title</b>		
<b>First Name</b>		
<b>Last Name</b>		
<b>Job Title (where relevant)</b>		
<b>Organisation (where relevant)</b>		
<b>1(c) Contact address details</b> <i>If an agent has been appointed please give their contact details</i>		
<b>Address Line 1</b>		
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<b>Line 3</b>		
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<b>Are you writing as</b>	<b>A resident</b>  <b>A local business</b>  <b>Minerals industry</b>  <b>Waste industry</b>	<b>A parish council</b>  <b>A district council</b>  <b>A county council</b>  <b>xxx Other (please specify)</b>  <b>residents group</b>

<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	yes
Publication of the Inspector's report and recommendations	yes
Adoption of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy	yes

<b>Please sign and date the form:</b>			
<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	26.09.2015m

## 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                      ~~XXXX~~ 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                      ~~XXXX~~
- (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.**

**Comments on the Oxfordshire Mineral and Waste Plan: Policy M3  
by the Church Hanborough and Lower Evenlode Residents Group.**

This is a joint response by residents of the village of Church Hanborough and Lower Evenlode. We refer to the area of the Evenlode valley north of the A40 up towards Long Hanborough. This is a thin finger of land some 2.2 miles long by 0.7 mile wide of attractive landscape adjacent to the River Evenlode. 20 residential dwellings and 2 farms are located here. In addition a nursery serving 60 children and 20 staff is situated in the middle of the zone. The site is adjacent to the village of Church Hanborough.

The representation form requests a response to whether the strategy is legally compliant and sound. We cannot respond to the legality of the strategy; however we believe that it is unsound on grounds of justification.

1. Existing and former sites of extraction within the County of Oxfordshire have been over proportionately allocated to West Oxfordshire. It is clearly acknowledged that future extraction should be allocated to sites elsewhere in the county.
2. It is also acknowledged that the requirement for such minerals has been achieved and sustainable until 2027.
3. We understand that the gravel density of the site is only 1/3 of that at other sites, making it much less economical to extract. In addition, the need for buffer zones round the 20 houses and nursery and along the sides of the road will make the quarries extremely narrow and difficult to work.
4. The site is distant from any of the Oxfordshire key growth points; this would result in long lorry movements that would involve Thames crossings.

**We also have some concerns specific to the area**

**Transport :**

Lower Road, which runs through the proposed site, is a bendy busy rural road with a series of entrances with poor visibility. This road is already under pressure from increased residential traffic owing to local housing developments and traffic cutting through escaping congestion elsewhere. The heavy lorry traffic resulting from new quarries would bring further congestion and hazards, particularly at the junctions

with other roads and entrances to residential dwellings and the nursery school, most of which are already dangerous. This road is totally unsuitable for heavy industrial traffic.

**Landscape :**

The land to the East of the road is Green Belt. To the West and abutting the site is the conservation area of the village of Church Hanborough. The valley, which is adjacent to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has an attractive rural landscape with rolling hills looking onto the unspoilt Evenlode valley. The settlements of Church and Long Hanborough look down onto it. Because of that, and the narrowness of the site and proximity to the road, the proposed gravel extraction would be excessively visually intrusive throughout the valley and would irrevocably destroy the landscape.

**Amenity :**

The noise, dust, vibration and air pollution from the quarry working will seriously affect the amenity and possibly health of the local residents who live within and adjacent to the site. In addition the health of 60 small children at the nursery school will be affected.

**Ecology :**

This part of the winding Evenlode valley with its adjacent ancient woods (Pinsley, Burleigh) and meadows and hedgerows provides important habitats for many declining species like bats, moorhen, a variety of ducks, including pintail, shelduck, wigeon, and red-crested pochard, kingfishers, great crested grebe, little egrets and migratory geese, kestrels, buzzards, owls and also water voles, otters, stoats and roe deer and many others. These habitats would be irreversibly destroyed by the sand and gravel extraction.

In conclusion, we believe that the proposed mineral extraction is unjustified and hazardous to the local community. Quarrying in this zone will be damaging to the landscape, make the road more hazardous, endanger the amenity and health of the residents and the nursery children and interfere with the ecology of the area, while at the same time being of limited utility. We therefore ask that this zone be removed from consideration for sand and gravel quarrying.

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.**

Change in policy M3:

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)*

<p><b>No</b>, I wish to communicate through written representations</p>	<p>XXXX</p>
<p><b>Yes</b>, 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><b>2(g) If you wish to participate at the hearing part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.</b></p>
<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.