



To: **Members of the Planning & Regulation Committee**

***Notice of a Meeting of the Planning & Regulation  
Committee***

**Monday, 13 April 2015 at 2.00 pm**

**County Hall, New Road, Oxford**

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*Members are asked to contact the case officers in advance of the committee meeting if they have any issues/questions of a technical nature on any agenda item. This will enable officers to carry out any necessary research and provide members with an informed response.*

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**Membership**

Chairman – Councillor Mrs Catherine Fulljames  
Deputy Chairman - Councillor Neil Owen

*Councillors*

David Bartholomew  
Mark Cherry  
Patrick Greene  
Pete Handley

Bob Johnston  
Stewart Lilly  
Glynis Phillips  
Anne Purse

G.A. Reynolds  
John Tanner

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**Notes:**

- **Site visits are required for Item 6 (Stanton Road, Harcourt Hill).**
- **Date of next meeting: 18 May 2015**

## Declarations of Interest

### The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

### Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

### What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that *“You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself”* or *“You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....”*.

Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

### List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

**Employment** (includes *“any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain”*.), **Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities.**

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members’ conduct guidelines. <http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/> or contact Glenn Watson on (01865) 815270 or [glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk) for a hard copy of the document.

**If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.**

# AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments**
2. **Declarations of Interest - see guidance note opposite**
3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2015 (PN3) and to receive information arising from them.

4. **Petitions and Public Address**
5. **Chairman's Updates**
6. **Spreading of sub and topsoil arising from construction works at site of Greenacre, onto part of adjacent field on land at Greenacre, Stanton Road, Harcourt Hill - Application MW/0021/15 (Pages 9 - 22)**

Report by the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) (PN6)

This is a planning application to dispose of approximately 100m<sup>3</sup> of subsoil and topsoil by spreading it on the application site to a depth of approximately 10cm. The waste arose from the digging of the foundations for the houses on the adjoining site. The site would be restored as a wildflower meadow.

***It is RECOMMENDED that planning permission for application no. MW.0021/15 be refused planning permission for the following reasons:***

- The proposed development would be inappropriate development in the Green Belt for which Very Special Circumstances have not been shown. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy GS3 of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan, policy CP13 of the Vale of White Horse Local Plan Consultation Draft, policy W7 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, policy W5 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy – Proposed Submission Document and paragraph 6 of the National Planning Policy for Waste.***
- The proposal would result in disposal of waste on a green field site and other than at an existing landfill site. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies W5 and W6 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Core Strategy – Proposed Submission Document, policy W7 of the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and paragraph 4 of the National Planning Policy for Waste.***

## 7. Relevant Development Plan and other Policies (Pages 23 - 34)

Paper by the deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning)(PN8)

The paper sets out policies in relation to Item 6 and should be regarded as an Annex to that paper.

## 8. Review of Detailed Scheme Approved Pursuant to Condition 31 (External Lighting Scheme) of Planning Permission 08/02472/Cm (Mw.0044/08) (Pages 35 - 36)

Report of the Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Strategy & Infrastructure Planning) (PN8)

Condition 31 of planning permission no. 08/02472/CM (MW.0044/08) required the submission for approval of details of the external lighting to the Ardley Energy from Waste (EfW) site. The detailed scheme was approved by the Planning and Regulation Committee at its meeting on 12th May 2014. Part of the approval was that the scheme should be reviewed in November 2014. Further to this, a members' site visit was carried out on the evening of 19th March 2015 in order to inform members' consideration of the review of the external lighting. The purpose of this report is therefore to invite those members who attended the site visit to report back on what they saw and for the Committee to discuss and advise officers what aspects, if any, of the external lighting scheme approved pursuant to condition 31 they believe should be taken back to the site operator for review. Whilst the purpose of the site visit was to inform the review of the external lighting scheme, there was light spillage from within the EfW building. This does not form part of the approved external lighting scheme and so does not fall within the review approved as part of that. Nonetheless, observations with regard to this will also be taken back to the operator for consideration.

***It is RECOMMENDED that members discuss what was seen at the site visit on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and advise officers:***

- i) What, if any, aspects of the external lighting scheme for the Energy from Waste facility approved pursuant to condition 31 of planning permission no. 08/02472/CM (MW.0044/08) they believe the site operator should review;***
- ii) Whether there are any concerns about the impact of the internal lighting of the Energy from Waste facility that they would wish to be drawn to the attention of the site operator whilst recognising that strictly this is not controlled by the permission.***

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### Pre-Meeting Briefing

There will be a pre-meeting briefing at County Hall on **Monday 13 April at 12 midday/12.30** (depending on the time of return to County Hall after the site visit) for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Opposition Group Spokesman.