

## South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse's response to Oxfordshire County Council's Consultation on Oxfordshire's Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Network

This is a copy of the response from South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils which was submitted online in July 2025.

I am responding to this survey as:

- An Oxfordshire resident
- A member of the public living outside of Oxfordshire
- A county/district/parish/town councillor
- A member of staff on behalf of a district/parish/town council in an official capacity
- A business operating in Oxfordshire
- A representative of a group or organisation, for example: a charity or voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS)
- Other (please specify)

A member of staff on behalf of a district/parish/town council in an official capacity

Which HWRC site(s) in Oxfordshire do you use most frequently

- Alkerton, near Banbury
- Ardley Fields, near Bicester
- Dix Pit, near Witney
- Drayton, near Abingdon
- Oakley Wood, near Wallingford
- Redbridge, Oxford
- Stanford-in-the-Vale, near Faringdon
- I don't use HWRCs in Oxfordshire

Drayton, near Abingdon

Oakley Wood, near Wallingford

How often do you visit HWRCs?

- Weekly
- Two or three times every month
- Once every month
- Between two and four times a year
- Once a year
- Less than once a year
- I don't know

Weekly

What is your main reason for visiting HWRCs?

- To dispose of waste following a home clear-out

- To dispose of garden waste
- To dispose of waste/recycling on behalf of a friend/relative/neighbour
- Undertaking home improvements
- I prefer to dispose of my waste more frequently than my kerbside collection allows
- It is part of my regular routine
- Other (please specify)

Other

To dispose of waste from bulky waste bookings, and specified fly-tip items

What are your main reasons for choosing the HWRC site(s) that you visit?

- It is nearest to home
- It is nearest to work
- It is nearest to a relative
- I like the size of the site
- It is rarely too busy
- It has helpful staff
- It accepts a specific material that I need to dispose of (e.g. asbestos/plasterboard)
- Other (please specify)

Other

Designated by Oxfordshire County Council's Waste Management Team.

How long does it take you to get to your preferred HWRC site from your home?

- Under 10 minutes
- 10-19 minutes
- 20-29 minutes
- 30-39 minutes
- 40-49 minutes
- 50-59 minutes
- 60 minutes or more
- I don't travel to the HWRC from home
- I'm not sure

I don't travel to the HWRC from home

Please rank your preferred summer (01 April – 30 September) opening times from 1-3 from the following three options:

(Rank each option where 1 = most preferred and 3 = least preferred)

- 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
- 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

8.00 am to 4.00 pm (1)

9.00 am to 5.00 pm (2)

10.00 am to 6.00 pm (3)

Please rank your preferred winter (01 October – 31 March) opening times from 1-3 from the following three options:

(Rank each option where 1 = most preferred and 3 = least preferred)

- 8.00 am to 3.00 pm
- 9.00 am to 4.00 pm
- 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

8.00 am to 3.00 pm (1)

9.00 am to 4.00 pm (2)

10.00 am to 5.00 pm (3)

Alternatively, HWRCs could instead be open throughout the year from 9am to 5pm Saturday – Monday and from 10am to 4pm Tuesday – Friday. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Disagree

If your preferred HWRC needed to be closed for one day in the week, please select the day which would impact you the least:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday
- I have no preference

Sunday

If your preferred HWRC needed to be closed for two consecutive days in the week (for a more efficient service), please select the pair of days that would impact you the least:

- Monday and Tuesday
- Tuesday and Wednesday
- Wednesday and Thursday
- Thursday and Friday
- Friday and Saturday
- Saturday and Sunday
- Sunday and Monday
- I have no preference

Saturday and Sunday

How likely are you to visit an HWRC on the following days?

Christmas Eve

- Highly likely
- Likely
- Nether likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Highly unlikely

Unlikely

**New Year's Eve**

- Highly likely
- Likely
- Nether likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Highly unlikely

Unlikely

**Easter Sunday**

- Highly likely
- Likely
- Nether likely nor unlikely
- Unlikely
- Highly unlikely

Highly likely

**If public demand for the service was low on Christmas Eve/New Year's Eve/Easter Sunday, do you think that it would be reasonable for HWRCs to be closed?**

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Yes

**If you selected 'No' or 'I'm not sure', please could you tell us why?**

N/A

**How well do you currently separate your material for recycling when attending an HWRC?**

- I always make sure I separate as much as possible to maximise the amount that can be recycled
- I try my best to separate material for recycling, but I can probably do better
- I make some effort but not much
- I never separate out material for recycling

I always make sure I separate as much as possible to maximise the amount that can be recycled.

**Please choose the option that best explains why you selected this answer?**

- I am not familiar with what can and cannot be recycled
- It takes too much time
- I believe recycling is not worthwhile
- Other (please specify)

Other

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse have an approved Waste Services and Street Cleansing Strategy that follows the principles of the waste hierarchy and services. As such our waste collections are constructed on the key principles of reduce, reuse and recycle.

If someone brings unsorted waste to a HWRC, which option would you prefer to help us recycle as much as possible?

- Ask visitors to sort their waste off site, separating out all recyclable content, before returning to a HWRC
- Ask visitors to sort their waste on site – with a dedicated sorting area provided (this area would include a selection of small containers for depositing recyclable materials)
- Visitors will need to sort their waste off site and only bring recyclable items to a HWRC (some HWRCs may be changed into recycling-only facilities – residual waste would only be accepted at HWRCs that accept it)
- I'm not sure

Ask visitors to sort their waste off site, separating out all recyclable content, before returning to a HWRC

Would you be willing to purchase second-hand items brought to a HWRC?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Maybe

If you selected 'Maybe' please could you tell us why?

As district councils we would not be purchasing second-hand items but would like to support this option as it is associated with our Waste Service and Street Cleansing Strategy

Where would you prefer to shop for second-hand/used items received at HWRCs?

- I would prefer to shop at a HWRC
- I would prefer a dedicated shop for used/second-hand items (not at a HWRC)
- I have no specific preference

I have no specific preference

Please select the types of second-hand items you might be interested in purchasing from a HWRC?

- Electrical items (these would be PAT tested before sale)
- Bicycles
- Clothes
- Furniture
- Sports equipment
- Other

Electrical items (these would be PAT tested before sale)

Bicycles

Clothes

Furniture

Sports equipment

Other

Would you donate any unwanted items for resale to a HWRC?

- Yes
- No

- Maybe

Yes

Please select the types of second-hand items you would consider donating to a HWRC?

- Electrical items
- Bicycles
- Clothes
- Furniture
- Sports equipment
- Other

Electrical items

Bicycles

Clothes

Furniture

Sports equipment

Other

Do you think we should continue to allow non-Oxfordshire residents to access Oxfordshire HWRCs?

- Yes – for free
- Yes – but charge them
- No
- I'm not sure

I'm not sure

Is it reasonable for residency checks to be carried out on entry to HWRCs?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

I'm not sure

Have you needed to remove cement-bonded asbestos from your property and dispose of it at a HWRC in the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

No

Do you anticipate that you will need to use the cement-bonded asbestos disposal services provided at some HWRCs in the next two years?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

No

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following proposals:

**Residents would be required to have a permit (similar to the permits required for van and trailer users) when delivering cement-bonded asbestos to a HWRC**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**The maximum load of cement-bonded asbestos accepted in a single visit would be reduced from eight to four sheets (maximum size: 2 x 1 metre per sheet)**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**The maximum number of loads of cement-bonded asbestos accepted from a resident would be limited to three visits per year**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**Asbestos would be added to the list of chargeable items (to help offset the cost of disposal)**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you use a trailer when visiting a HWRC and if so, how often?**

- Yes – more than 12 times a year
- Yes – 7 to 12 times a year
- Yes – 6 times a year
- No – never

No – never

**Do you currently have a trailer permit?**

- Yes
- No

No

**We are proposing that everyone that uses a trailer – even small ones under 1.8 metres long – must have a trailer permit. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**We are proposing to reduce the maximum trailer length allowed at HWRCs from 3m down to 2.4m. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Disagree

**We are proposing to prohibit horseboxes from being used on HWRC sites. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal for vehicles or trailers featuring ramps and/or tipping mechanisms to be prohibited from using a HWRC?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal for business-related branded vehicles to be prohibited from accessing the HWRCs?**

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Disagree

**To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should reduce the number of visits available to permit holders from 12 visits to six visits per year?**

- Strongly agree

- **Agree**
- **Neither agree nor disagree**
- **Disagree**
- **Strongly disagree**

**Disagree**

**Would you be affected by this change?**

- **Yes**
- **No**
- **I don't know**

**I don't know**