



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

**Response to:**

**West Berkshire Council's Budget Proposal 2016/17 Phase 2: Smallmead Household Waste Recycling Centre**

The following response was posted on the WBC feedback form for the above proposal.

**1. Contact details:**

The Parish Clerk, Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council.

**2. Do you or a carer use this service?**

No

**3. What do you think we should be aware of, in terms of how this proposal might impact people?**

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March to consider the Phase 2 and resolved to strongly oppose the withdrawal from the joint arrangement with the Re3 Waste Partnership.

Access to the free facilities at Padworth or Newbury will not be suitable alternative options to the community of Mortimer due to the travel distances involved. In addition Padworth does not accept general waste.

The potential removal of this free to use facility would only encourage fly-tipping in the area of Mortimer and local communities resulting in an increase in fly-tipping clearance costs to both West Berkshire Council and local land owners.

**4. Do you feel that this proposal will affect particular individuals more than others, and if so, how do you think we might help with this?**

The current users of the Smallmead site due to the potential costs to be incurred and/or the extra travel time and costs to Padworth or Newbury as well as local landowners as a result of increased fly-tipping.

**5. Do you have any suggestions as to how this service might be delivered in a different way? If so, please provide details.**

No

**6. Is there any way that you or your organisation can contribute in helping to alleviate the impact of this proposal? If so, please provide details of how you can help.**

No

**7. Any further comments?**

No