

**Statement of Clarke Osborne – on behalf of Stanton Wick Action Group**

My Name is Clarke Osborne; I am a resident of Stanton Wick and a member of the Group

I want to briefly examine the scoring matrix that has been applied to this most important and significant process, and has resulted in what we consider to be an unsupportable outcome.

A number of members of our group are well versed and experienced in the use of scoring matrices and have examined the BaNES published information available on the setup and implementation of this process.

In our opinion the scoring matrices as set out are flawed as they do not correctly identify the scoring criteria and allocate inappropriate scoring rates to a number of them.

Examples are;

- Green Belt and Contaminated land are not given a yes/no question (the yes answer would exclude them), yet, outside of the scoring matrix World Heritage was.
- Availability of drainage and proximity to secondary schools was not scored,

Notwithstanding, we consider that the scoring applied in respect of the Stanton Wick site is wrong. The application of what we consider to be appropriate scoring brings the total to minus 8 (your score was 10)

The principle areas of error scoring are;

- Proximity to food shop – no sustainable food shop and no safe walking route
- Proximity to primary school – no safe walking route
- Proximity to public transport – no safe walking route
- Near to hazardous place – it is a hazardous place
- Brownfield land – it is in the Green Belt. There is no definition of Brownfield Land only Prior Developed Land which is strictly controlled within the Green Belt
- Noise – there are 2 properties directly adjacent

Proper account has not been taken of the revised and adopted Government directive in respect of locating Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Green Belt. This explicitly removed the word “normally” and therefore repositioned the directive as being “inappropriate” in the Green Belt.

We also submit that your Maxtrix scoring self assess “no special circumstances” in respect of potential Green Belt location.

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Lastly and notwithstanding both of the forgoing we are somewhat bemused and concerned that this site which was placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the 23 sites assessed suddenly was elevated to the top 7 and your short list, thus completely dismissing the outcome of your scoring matrix.

We question how this has happened, how the scoring and evaluation process has been designed and conducted and if any external influences of politics, discussions with landowners and or Gypsies has influenced this site selection?

We submit that, the assessment process is flawed, the assessment of the Stanton Wick site is flawed and the selection of Stanton Wick to your short list is outside of the criteria set out by yourselves and required by Government.

We urge you to withdrawal this site from your list.