

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Ms. Laszlo

BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

I would be very grateful for your clarification on the following points.

1. The development plan for the area appears to be the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016) (LP1) together with those saved policies of the North Dorset District -Wide Local Plan (2003) that are still extant. Is that correct? Has the District Council determined which of the policies in these plans are to be treated as being strategic when examining whether the Bourton – Dorset Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions?
2. The District Council is in the early stages of preparing the North Dorset Local Plan Review (the emerging plan). Will the emerging plan be reviewing the housing targets set out in LP1 such as the figure of at least 825 dwellings in the countryside including Stallbridge and the eighteen larger villages of which Bourton is one?
3. Will the emerging plan be considering reviewing the settlement boundaries of the larger villages such as Bourton and will it be considering allocating housing sites in Stallbridge and the eighteen larger villages including Bourton?
4. May I have hard copies of the following documents please?
 - Bourton Village Design Statement¹.
 - Bourton NP Strategic Environmental Assessment. May 2016.
 - Landscape Visual Impact Assessment for the Bourton Village Hall Sites.
 - Site Appraisal and Selection Statement for Village Hall and Amenity Space².

¹ Attachment 2 to Mr Sturt's representation (Ref: Bourton 01D) has not been submitted. However, I assume this attachment simply contains the Bourton Village Design Statement – a document I already have access to. Would the District Council please check that I am right in my assumption?

I would be grateful for a response on the above matters by 20th June 2017, if possible. Also, in the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter; my letter to the Parish Council (of the same date) and the respective responses (in due course) are placed on the relevant websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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Examiner