



STINSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Regulation 16 Consultation **Wednesday 13 October 2021 until Wednesday 24 November 2021**

Response Form

The proposed Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. The neighbourhood plan and supporting documentation can be viewed on Dorset Council's website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/stinsford-neighbourhood-plan>

Please return completed forms to:

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Deadline: **End of Wednesday 24 November 2021.** Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

Part A – Personal Details

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Part B – Representation

1. To which document does the comment relate? *Please tick one box only.*

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3. Do you wish to? *Please tick one box only.*

	Support
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4. Please use the box below to give reasons for your support or objection, or to make your observation.

The Department for Education (DfE) supports the wider provisions of the Stinsford Neighbourhood Plan but it should be bolstered to include the needs of the Dorset Studio School (DSS) as a key community facility located within the parish.

Background

DSS opened in September 2014 to provide an agricultural and land-based curriculum for 375 students aged 14-19. After opening, it became apparent that further post 16 provision was not being taken up at DSS, due to availability of A-Levels at Thomas Hardy School and vocational qualifications available at Kingston Maurward College (KMC). As a result, the school experienced low post-16 pupil numbers (12 students in 2018/19).

Following approval in September 2019 from the DfE, the school age range changed to a standard secondary school 11-16 years. The overall school capacity of 375 pupils remained unchanged. This age range change has resulted in improved numbers on roll, rising from 187 pupils to 359 pupils at present.

A studio school is a type of secondary school in England that is designed to give students practical skills in workplace environments as well as traditional academic and vocational courses of study.

DSS was initiated by KMC, as a means of increasing the skills and aptitudes of children applying to education courses at the college.

The unique nature of the school is in its delivery methodology, which combines academic and vocational qualifications within the context of experiential learning and a more cohesive approach to curriculum delivery. Students are given the opportunity to apply their learning, through outdoor activity and work experience.

The school receives applications from a high proportion of children with Special Need or Disability, and approximately half of the pupils attending the school fall within this group. This is mainly because the learning experience suits these children better than a more traditional school environment and these pupils are drawn to the land-based offer and facilities available at the college campus.

Current Accommodation Issues

The existing school building was designed for a 14-19 student age range, and on the basis that one year group (75 students) would be off site on work experience

placements. As a result, the current building was only designed for 300 pupils with a different educational approach.

Since the age range change and the resulting improved pupil numbers, DSS has been experiencing various problems arising from the accommodation shortfalls.

This critical situation has necessitated the urgent delivery of temporary additional school accommodation at Parkway Farm Business Estate in Poundbury by the DfE, but this can only be a short-term solution as the crucial educational linkages with the KMC campus are compromised, pupil experience is adversely impacted and the school cannot operate effectively.

A permanent solution to resolving the accommodation needs of the school within the KMC campus is therefore urgently required and the DfE are in discussions with KMC and Dorset Council on this matter. It is currently envisaged that a new school would be constructed at the campus, together with associated external social space, sports facilities, and car parking, with the existing school building being repurposed for use by KMC.

The Stinsford Parish Council would be involved in discussions over this proposal moving forward and a meeting in the near future will be sought.

Potential Benefits

It is noted that the draft Neighbourhood Plan identifies a number of areas where community facilities are deficient within the Parish. The main deficiency being a village hall/meeting hall.

The proposals for the new school building would include the provision of a school hall, a sports hall, and hard and soft outdoor sports pitches. It is normal for such facilities within a DfE funded school to be available for use by the local community via a community use agreement out of school hours. The new school building could therefore help meet some of the needs for community facilities in the parish.

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5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.

Proposed Modifications

The submission draft Neighbourhood Plan should to be modified to include the needs of DSS in future decision making. It is suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan be modified in the following ways (addition text proposed in underline):

Paragraph 5.12

Stinsford Parish Council will liaise actively with KMC, Dorset Studio School, and ~~with~~ Dorset Council, with a view to securing a good fit between the development needs of the College, the Studio School, and the views and needs of local residents.

Project P4. Developing the Kingston Maurward Masterplan

The Parish Council will engage and liaise with Kingston Maurward College, Dorset Studio School, and Dorset Council in the development of a masterplan to secure the long-term future of the College and the Studio School.

Paragraph 5.19

It is clear that any new facilities need to be economically viable, which is linked to having a sufficiently large catchment population that will use their services. At the current time there is no obvious commercial interest in running a shop or pub. However, as part of the College Plans, there is a proposal to create a new multi-purpose hall to the south side of (and to replace) the Outdoor Activities Centre. In 2020 the College were awarded a £3.5 million grant by the Dorset LEP to build a University Centre & Rural Business Development Hub, which would also support wider business use. The building on the Outdoor Activities Centre would be around 400m² comprising a large hall and a small number of separate meeting rooms, and would be available for hire for community uses. The proposals for a new building for the Dorset Studio School will also include facilities which would be available for hire by the local community outside of school hours. In order to be able to provide for social / recreational activities arising from within the community, it will be important that the rates are, and remain, affordable to local groups.

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6. Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan? Please tick one box only.

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Signature: n/a – submitted electronically

Date: 19/11/21

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