



## 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:

Email: [NeighbourhoodPlanning@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:NeighbourhoodPlanning@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Post: Spatial Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park,  
Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

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

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### Part A – Personal Details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. By submitting this response form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the independent examiner and available for inspection. Your information will be retained by the Council in line with its retention schedule and privacy policy ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy)). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.

	Personal Details *	Agent's Details *
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*\*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.*

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## Part B – Representation

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

X	Submission Plan
	Consultation Statement
	Basic Conditions Statement
	Other – please specify:-

**2. To which part of the document does the comment relate?** *Please identify the text that you are commenting on, where appropriate.*

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	
Section	

Policy	
Page	
Appendix	

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

X	Support
	Object
	Make an observation

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

As a resident of Dorchester my husband and I make regular use of the footpaths to Stinsford and the Kingston Mauward College area. We also walk to Thorncombe Wood and to Hardy's Cottage. I support the SNP's primary focus of protecting the tranquillity, valued views, the heritage, bio-diversity and access to the surrounding countryside of the Parish. This is clearly outlined in the Executive Summary. This Summary also expresses the Parish's vehement opposition to Dorset Council's proposed mass housing development right across the Parish – DOR 13. I wholeheartedly support their position on this. Development north of Dorchester will essentially engulf the Parish in a huge housing development (para 5.3) and will obliterate all the aims of the SNP by its damage to the environment, bio-diversity, Landscapes of Local Importance, water quality, and with no guarantees of affordable housing (SNP 9)

I applaud the level of engagement that the SNP group have sustained during the development of their Plan through the meetings and surveys much of which was conducted during very difficult times (Covid).

I have selected some policies for special mention to reinforce my overall support for the Neighbourhood Plan.

I fully support SNP 1 regarding the protection of the natural environment especially the enhancement of biodiversity, the careful management of woodlands and the commitment to nitrogen neutral development to protect water, the Frome and Poole Harbour.

I support SNP4 Dark Skies – it is hard in Dorchester to find a suitable star gazing venue, but protecting this feature of the Parish is welcome and enhances the overall quality of the natural environment in the Parish.

I fully support SNP7 and SNP8 regarding the protection of Stinsford's Historic Environment as well as managing the Thomas Hardy connection. The latter is of course a major tourist attraction on which the economy of Dorchester depends. Appendix 3 catalogues the non-designated heritage assets of the Parish many of which relate to Hardy's poetry and novels. These are in addition to the listed assets. SNP 8 seeks to balance the protection of Stinsford's historic environment alongside the benefits of tourism associated with Hardy. Tourism can have some negative consequences such as traffic congestion referenced in SNP 14.

I fully support SNP 13 regarding the protection of our drinking water. The Parish of Stinsford and its un-developed land is essentially the guardian of the quality of the water that I drink in Dorchester.

Project P4 is to be welcomed – working with Kingston Mauward on its own master planning processes will be important. KM is a jewel in the crown of the Parish and for Dorchester. I support SNP9 regarding employment opportunities that are developed in existing buildings or in buildings that are designed in keeping with the character of the Parish and that take account of transport and congestion concerns.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

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

It was not clear how this form was to be used – complete a form for every policy? Complete a separate form for the Consultation statement? This form implied that you could only respond either to the Plan or the Consultation statement.

Because it was not clear I am including some responses below that relate to the Consultation statement. Please don't discount them because they are not in the format that you want.

Separate Sheet:

I fully support the feedback from Natural England regarding the River Frome as an SSSI with priority habitats within the Parish. I also support Natural England's reference to the need for Dorset Council to develop a certified bio-diversity plan.

Like Natural England I share their concern about the impact of development in the Parish on nitrogen levels in Poole Harbour, a site of national and international importance.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**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.**

X	Yes
	No

Signature:    Jane Ashdown     
   November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021   

Date:

*If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.*