

## **North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1**

### **Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

#### **Statement of Representations Procedure**

On 27 September 2013 Members of North Dorset District Council approved the North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre-submission Document (Local Plan Part 1) for publication prior to its submission to the Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government for independent examination. Representations are now sought on the Local Plan Part 1 prior to submission.

#### **Title of Document**

North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre-submission Document

#### **Subject Matter and area covered by the document**

The 15 year plan, formerly known as The New Plan for North Dorset (or Draft Core Strategy) identifies key locations in North Dorset for the growth of housing and jobs until 2026. It sets out the strategic planning policies for the District that will guide the development of 4,200 new homes together with associated employment land, community facilities and infrastructure.

#### **Period of Publication for Representations**

The pre-submission consultation on the Local Plan Part 1 runs from Friday 29 November 2013 to Friday 24 January 2014 (8 weeks).

#### **Representations**

Representation forms (in word and pdf format) and accompanying guidance notes explaining how to make representations can be found on our website

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy>

Also on our website is a link to an on-line survey form.

Representations if not submitted on-line need to be sent to:

Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL, or [planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk)

Please note the following:

- Representations may be made in writing or by way of electronic communications
- Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:
  - a) That the Local Plan Part 1 has been submitted for independent examination;

- b) The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Part 1;
- c) The adoption of the Local Plan Part 1.

At this stage representations can only be made on whether the Local Plan Part 1 has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is 'sound'. The tests of 'soundness' are set out in national policy. A plan is deemed to be sound by an Inspector if it has been positively prepared, and is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Where possible representations should be supported by evidence showing why the Local Plan Part 1 should be changed. Representations should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further submissions based on the original representation made at publication. At this stage further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

### **Statement of Arrangements for inspection of the Local Plan Part 1 Pre-submission Document and other proposed submission documents**

The Local Plan Part 1 Pre-submission Document and other proposed submission documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy>

All proposed submission documents will also be available for inspection at the **Council Offices**, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL (opening hours Mon – Thurs 8.30am to 5pm, Fri 8.30am to 4pm. Closed Sat & Sun)

In addition, the Local Plan Part 1 Pre-submission Document only will be available for inspection from **29 November 2013** at **all public libraries** in North Dorset during their normal opening times.

The Council has also organised four **drop-in exhibitions** where members of the Planning Policy Team will be available to answer any questions and help people respond to the consultation. Drop-in exhibitions times and locations are:

<b>2 December</b>	<b>Sturminster Newton (The Exchange)</b>	<b>10am to 7pm</b>
<b>4 December</b>	<b>Shaftesbury (Town Hall)</b>	<b>10am to 7pm</b>
<b>9 December</b>	<b>Gillingham (RiversMeet Centre)</b>	<b>10am to 6.30pm</b>
<b>12 December</b>	<b>Blandford (Parish Centre)</b>	<b>10am to 7pm</b>

Copies of the proposed submission documents are available on request from the Planning Policy Team.