

**NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN 2011 – 2026 PART 1
EXAMINATION**

**RESPONSE TO
INSPECTOR'S QUESTION 4 TO THE COUNCIL**

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1. Introduction

1.1 This statement is in response to Question 4 asked by the Inspector on 26 January 2015.

1.2 The Inspector's question was:

Could the Council provide a list of the District's villages (including Stalbridge) indicating what community services and facilities are currently available. For example schools, shops, public houses, community halls, sports pitches / recreation grounds, healthcare services, churches and library facilities (including mobile library).

It would also be helpful to have:

- *an indication of any employment opportunities that may be available within or near to the settlements; and*
- *a plan showing any bus routes that serve these settlements (including frequency) and any other information regarding the provision of sustainable transport services to the villages.*

2. The Council's Response

- 2.1 The Council's response in relation to community services and facilities and employment opportunities is set out in this document (INS010a).
- 2.2 The Council has also provided (as separate documents):
- a map of bus routes across Dorset, showing the frequency of services (INS010b); and
 - a map of community transport services in northern Dorset (INS010c).
- 2.3 In addition to these services, there is a railway station at Gillingham on the London to Exeter mainline.

The Status of Stalbridge

- 2.4 The Inspector's Question 4 refers to Stalbridge as one of the District's villages. The Council would like to clarify that for administrative and planning purposes, it is considered to be a town.
- 2.5 Stalbridge Parish Council was formed in 1896, but was changed to a Town Council in April 1992. Stalbridge is also identified as a 'town for limited growth' in Policy 1.3 of the adopted 2003 Local Plan.

Community Services and Facilities in Stalbridge and the Villages

- 2.6 Table 1 is the 'rural facilities in villages with settlement boundaries table' which has been extracted from the 2010 Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).
- 2.7 This table was not updated for inclusion in subsequent AMRs. However the number of planning applications approved for change of use or loss of a village facility was monitored under the Sustainable Rural Communities objective in the AMRs for 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- 2.8 Table 2 is an updated version of Table 1 which shows the current level of provision of rural facilities in January 2015, with the addition of data for sports pitches / recreation grounds and library facilities (including mobile library), as sought by the Inspector.
- 2.9 This information has been updated using a number of sources:
- Planning Policy officer local knowledge;
 - Development Services officer local knowledge;
 - Local Plan and GIS mapping;
 - Post Office branch finder web page; and
 - Parish Council websites.

Table 1: Rural Facilities in Villages with Settlement Boundaries 2010

Village	School	Post Office	Shop	Hall	Pub	Church	Station	Petrol	Surgery	GP
Ashmore				YES		YES				
Bourton	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
Bryanston						YES				
Buckhorn Weston		YES*		YES	YES	YES				
Cann (incl Common)				YES		YES				
Charlton Marshall				YES	YES	YES				
Child Okeford	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	
Compton Abbas				YES		YES				
Durweston	YES			YES		YES				
East Stour		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES				
Farnham					YES	YES				
Fifehead Magadlene				YES		YES				
Fontmell Magna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	
Glanville Wooton				YES		YES				
Hazelbury Bryan	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES				
Hilton						YES				
Hinton St Mary				YES	YES	YES	YES			
Ibberton				YES	YES	YES				
Iwerne Courtney				YES	YES	YES				
Iwerne Minster		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Kings Stag		YES*	YES		YES	YES	YES			
Kington Magna				YES		YES				
Lydlinch				YES		YES				
Manston				YES	YES	YES				
Mappowder		YES		YES		YES				
Marnhull	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
Melcombe Bingham						YES				
Upper & Lower Ansty		YES	YES	YES	YES					
Milborne St Andrew	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	
Milton Abbas		YES	YES		YES	YES			YES	
Milton on Stour	YES		YES			YES	YES			
Motcombe	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			

Village	School	Post Office	Shop	Hall	Pub	Church	Petrol Station	Surgery	GP
Okeford Fitzpaine	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Pimperne	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Pulham				YES	YES	YES			
Shillingstone	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Spetisbury	YES			YES	YES	YES			
Stour Provost	YES			YES		YES			
Stour Row				YES		YES			
Stourpaine		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Stouton Caundle				YES	YES	YES			
Sutton Waldron				YES		YES			
Tarrant Gunville				YES		YES			
Tarrant Hinton				YES		YES			
Tarrant Keyneston				YES	YES	YES			
Tarrant Monkton				YES	YES	YES			
West Stour			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		
Winterborne Houghton						YES			
Winterborne Kingston	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			
Winterborne Stickland	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
Winterborne Whitechurch	YES			YES	YES	YES		YES	
Winterborne Zelston			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		

* Village only has outreach post office service

Table 2: Rural Facilities in Villages with Settlement Boundaries 2015

Villages	School	Post Office	Shop	Hall	Pub	Church	Petrol Station	GP Surgery	Ground Recreation / Play Sports Pitch / Library	Library / Mobile
Ashmore				YES		YES			YES	YES
Bourton	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bryanston				YES		YES				
Buckhorn Weston		YES*		YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Cann (incl				YES		YES				YES

Villages	School	Post Office	Shop	Hall	Pub	Church	Petrol Station	GP Surgery	Sports Pitch / Recreation / Play Ground	Library / Mobile Library
Common)										
Charlton Marshall				YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Child Okeford	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
Compton Abbas				YES		YES			YES	YES
Durweston	YES			YES		YES			YES	YES
East Stour		YES*	YES ⁺	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Farnham					YES	YES			YES	YES
Fifehead Magadlen				YES		YES				
Fontmell Magna	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
Glanville Wooton				YES		YES				YES
Hazelbury Bryan	YES	YES*	YES ⁺	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Hilton		YES*				YES				YES
Hinton St Mary				YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	
Ibberton				YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Iwerne Courtney				YES	YES	YES			YES	
Iwerne Minster		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Kings Stag		YES*	YES		YES	YES	YES			YES
Kington Magna				YES		YES			YES	YES
Lydlinch				YES		YES				YES
Manston				YES	YES	YES				
Mappowder		YES		YES		YES				YES
Marnhull	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Melcombe Bingham						YES				
Upper & Lower Ansty		YES	YES ⁺	YES	YES					YES
Milborne St Andrew	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
Milton Abbas		YES	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	YES
Milton on Stour	YES		YES			YES	YES			
Motcombe	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Okeford Fitzpaine	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES

Villages	School	Post Office	Shop	Hall	Pub	Church	Petrol Station	GP Surgery	Ground Recreation / Play	Sports Pitch / Library / Mobile
Pimperne	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Pulham				YES	YES	YES				YES
Shillingstone	YES	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES
Spetisbury	YES			YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Stalbridge	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Stour Provost	YES			YES		YES			YES	YES
Stour Row				YES		YES				YES
Stourpaine		YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Stouton Caundle				YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Sutton Waldron				YES		YES				YES
Tarrant Gunville				YES		YES			YES	YES
Tarrant Hinton				YES		YES				YES
Tarrant Keyneston				YES	YES	YES				YES
Tarrant Monkton				YES	YES	YES				
West Stour			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES
Winterborne Houghton						YES				YES
Winterborne Kingston	YES	YES*		YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Winterborne Stickland	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Winterborne Whitechurch	YES			YES	YES	YES			YES	YES
Winterborne Zelston			YES	YES	YES	YES	YES			YES
* Village mobile post office service only										
+ Farm Shop										

Employment Opportunities Within or Near Stalbridge and the Villages

2.10 Many of the facilities listed above (such as schools, public houses and village shops) provide employment opportunities in rural communities, as will agriculture, equine-related activities and tourism. The Joint Retail Study Report for North

Dorset (Evidence Base Document SED007b) shows that there are 18 retail outlets in Stalbridge, including the Dyke & Sons independent supermarket. Opportunities also exist on a number of employment sites across the District, as discussed in more detail below.

- 2.11 Table 3 is extracted from the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Workspace Study 2012 Update (Evidence Base Document SED004) and has been adjusted to show only employment sites for Stalbridge and the villages, rather than for the whole of North Dorset. It shows the situation in 2012 in terms of: the number of allocated employment sites; recently completed employment development; and also sites with planning permission at that time.
- 2.12 Table 4 provides an update to the site information in Table 3 for 2014. As well as showing the current situation with existing sites, it includes any new sites which have been given permission for employment use since 2012 and excludes any sites where the use has changed to a non-employment use since 2012. It has been updated using information from the annual employment land survey carried out by Dorset County Council.

Table 3: Employment Land at Stalbridge and in the Villages 2012

Name of Site		Designation	Total Size	Available Land
Stalbridge	Station Road	B1/B8	7.82	0.70
Stalbridge	Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate	B1/B8	7.58	0.00
			15.40	0.70
Rural Area	Brixey's Dairy , Tarrant Hinton	B1	0.50	0.25
Rural Area	North Street , Winterborne Kingston	B1/B8	0.00	0.00
Rural Area	North West Farm Buildings , Winterborne Kingston	B1	0.28	0.13
Rural Area	Former Unigate Factory , Bourton	B1/B8	0.88	0.01
Rural Area	South of Lilac Cottage , Bourton	Allocated in Local Plan	0.58	0.58
Rural Area	Orchard Ground Cole Street Lane , East Stour	B1/B8	0.25	0.25
Rural Area	M.Richards/F.Martin , Hazelbury Bryan	B1/B8	0.64	0.00
Rural Area	HXF Fine Foods Handley Cross Farm Pidney, Hazelbury Bryan	B1/B8	0.74	0.67
Rural Area	Rowlands Yard The Causeway , Hazelbury Bryan	B1c	0.08	0.08
Rural Area	Bartlett's Yard , Hinton St Mary	B1/B8	0.61	0.00

Name of Site		Designation	Total Size	Available Land
Rural Area	Old Estate Yard/White & Sons Ltd/Nicholsons Yard , Hinton St Mary	B1/B8	0.59	0.00
Rural Area	Holwell Road , Kings Stag	B1/B8	0.29	0.00
Rural Area	Blandford Road , Milborne St Andrew	B1/B8	1.88	0.00
Rural Area	Barnes Hill Farm , Milton Abbas	B1a	0.37	0.20
Rural Area	Case & Sons , Motcombe	B1/B8	0.28	0.00
Rural Area	Faccenda Ltd , Okeford Fitzpaine	B1/B8	0.82	0.06
Rural Area	Poultry Houses , Okeford Fitzpaine	Allocated in Local Plan	2.89	0.95
Rural Area	Wessex Park Homes , Okeford Fitzpaine	B2	2.86	2.86
Rural Area	Down Road , Pimperne	B1/B8	0.34	0.00
Rural Area	Blandford Road , Pimperne	B1/B8	1.32	0.00
Rural Area	Pulham Saw Mills Site , Pulham	B1/B8	1.80	0.00
Rural Area	St Patricks Industrial Estate , Shillingstone	B1/B8	1.67	0.00
			19.67	6.04

Table from Workspace Study 2012 Update for villages only

Table 4: Employment Land at Stalbridge and in the Villages 2014

Parish	Name of Site	Designation	Total Size	Development Completed	Available Land
Stalbridge	Station Road	B1/B8	7.82	7.12	0.70
Stalbridge	Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate	B1/B8	7.58	7.58	0.00
Stalbridge	Bruf Contract Holdings Ltd Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate	B1 (a)	0.21	0.00	0.21
Stalbridge	Calor Gas Gibbs Marsh Trading Estate	B1 (a)	0.55	0.55	0.00
Stalbridge	Gibbs Marsh Farm	B1 (other)	0.61	0.61	0.00
Bourton	Former Unigate Factory	B1/B8	0.06	0.00	0.06
Bourton	South of Lilac Cottage	Allocated in Local Plan	0.58	0.00	0.58
Cann	LWJ Engineering Ltd., Coles Lane Farm	B.2	0.27	0.00	0.27

Parish	Name of Site	Designation	Total Size	Development Completed	Available Land
East Stour	Orchard Ground Cole Street Lane	B1/B8	0.25	0.00	0.25
Hazelbury Bryan	M.Richards/F.Martin, Hazelbury Bryan	B1/B8	0.64	0.64	0.00
Hazelbury Bryan	HXF Fine Foods, Handley Cross Farm, Pidney	B1/B8	0.74	0.07	0.67
Hazelbury Bryan	Rowlands Yard, The Causeway	B1c	0.08	0.00	0.08
Hazelbury Bryan	The Red House, The Common, Woodrow	Mixed	0.13	0.13	0.00
Hinton St Mary	Bartlett's Yard	B1/B8	0.61	0.61	0.00
Hinton St Mary	Old Estate Yard/White & Sons Ltd/Nicholsons Yard	B1/B8	0.59	0.59	0.00
Lydlinch	Holwell Road, Kings Stag	B1/B8	0.29	0.29	0.00
Lydlinch	Newhouse Farm, Holebrook Lane	B.8	0.02	0.00	0.02
Marnhull	Shepherds Close Farm, Mowes Lane	Mixed	0.27	0.00	0.27
Milborne St Andrew	Blandford Road	B1/B8	1.88	1.88	0.00
Milton Abbas	Barnes Hill Farm	B1a	0.37	0.37	0.00
Motcombe	Case & Sons	B1/B8	0.28	0.28	0.00
Motcombe	Land at Thanes Lane	B.1 (other)	0.08	0.00	0.08
Okeford Fitzpaine	Wessex Park Homes	B2	2.86	0.00	2.86
Pimperne	Down Road	B1/B8	0.34	0.34	0.00
Pimperne	Blandford Road	B1/B8	1.32	1.32	0.00
Pulham	Pulham Saw Mills Site	B1/B8	1.80	1.80	0.00
Shillingstone	St Patricks Industrial Estate	B1/B8	1.67	1.67	0.00
Stoke Wake	Manor Farm	B.1 (other)	0.10	0.00	0.10
Tarrant Hinton	Brixey's Dairy, Tarrant Hinton	B1	0.50	0.25	0.25
Winterborne Kingston	North West Farm Buildings	B1	0.27	0.15	0.12
Winterborne Whitechurch	East Farm Lower Street	B1 (a)	0.01	0.01	0.00

Parish	Name of Site	Designation	Total Size	Development Completed	Available Land
Winterborne Zelston	Wahn Fried, Main Road	B.1 (other)	1.03	1.03	0.00
Data From Workspace Study 2012 Update which has been updated to show situation in 2014. Including any new sites with planning permission and the removal of any sites where employment use has ceased.					