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# North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1

## Pre-submission Focused Changes Consultation

### 1 August to 12 September 2014

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

## Response Form

**For each representation you wish to make a separate response form will need to be completed.**

This is a formal consultation on the legal compliance and soundness of the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Inspector. For advice on how to respond to the consultation and fill in this form please see the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations' that can be found on the Council's website at

[www.dorsetforyou.com/focusedchangesconsultation/north](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/focusedchangesconsultation/north)

**Please return completed forms to:**

Email: [planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk)

Post: Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7LL

Alternatively you can submit your comments online at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlanFocusedChangesConsultation](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlanFocusedChangesConsultation)

**Deadline: 11:59 p m on 12 September 2014. Representations received after this time may not be accepted.**

## Part A – Personal details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. Representations cannot be treated in confidence as Regulation 22 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires copies of all representations to be made publically available. By submitting this response form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, but signatures, private telephone numbers and e-mail addresses or private addresses will not be visible on our web site, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the Inspector and available for inspection.

\*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.

Personal Details (if applicable)*		Agent's Details (if applicable)*
Title	Davis and Coats families	Mr
First Name		Paul
Last Name		Spong
Job Title( <i>where relevant</i> )		Development Surveyor
Organisation ( <i>where relevant</i> )		Savills
Address		
Postcode		
Tel. No.		
Email Address		

## Part B – Representation

The Focused Changes to the North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 and its supporting documents have been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, complies with the **legal requirements** and is **'sound'**.

If you are seeking to make a representation on the **way** in which the focused changes have been prepared it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.

If you are seeking to make representations on the **content** of the focused changes it is likely that your comments or objections relate to the **soundness** of the plan and whether it is justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

Further information on the matter of legal compliance and the issue of soundness can be found in the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations'.

If you need help completing the response form please see a member of the Planning Policy Team at the consultation exhibition in Blandford Forum on 14 August 2014 or call 01258 484201.

### 1. Please select which document you are commenting on:

- North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre- Submission Focused Changes (please complete Questions 2 to 9)
- Supplement to the Sustainability Appraisal Report (please complete Questions 2 and 10)

### 2. Please state to which pre-submission focused change you are commenting on:

Change Reference: MAJ/16/1 and MAJ/16/2	Section reference: Section 2
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### 3. Do you consider the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, to be legally compliant and prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements?

- Yes  No

### 4. Do you consider the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, to be 'sound'?

- Yes  No

### 5. If you consider the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, to be unsound please specify your reason(s) by ticking the box(es) that apply below

- It has not been positively prepared
- It is not justified
- It is not effective
- It is not consistent with national policy

**6. Please give specific details of why you consider the Local Plan as amended by focused changes, has not been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal or procedural requirement or why you consider the plan to be unsound.** Alternatively, if you wish to support any aspects of the plan please also use this box to set out your comments.

This consultation restricts itself to omitting the Crown Meadows site and replacing it with land to the west and south east of Blandford St Mary. In view of the Council's recent decision to omit the Crown Meadows site, we consider that a full and meaningful consultation on the alternative options for growth at Blandford should be undertaken.

We have previously made representations on behalf of the Davis and Coats families, in respect of their land to the north and north west of Blandford. Our previous representations on the draft plan have set out the opportunity for a mixed-use development in this location, including sports pitches, open space, employment, education, and new homes, supported by evidence based documents including a transport assessment, a landscape and visual appraisal, and a master plan. The Town Council also expressed support for our client's site in preference to the approach proposed in the draft Local Plan.

From the current consultation, it is unclear why growth to the south east of Blandford St Mary has been selected ahead of other options, particularly our client's land. At this stage, we consider the case has not been properly made by the Council for this one replacement site, at the expense of others, particularly our client's land. These focused changes have not adequately assessed the merits of the Blandford St Mary site in relation to other sites.

In any case, to meet potential housing needs in Blandford and provide strategic guidance for the longer term growth of the town for the emerging Neighbourhood Plan and Site Allocations DPD, consideration should be given to the inclusion of more than just one site.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**7. What change(s) do you consider are necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound?** It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

In order for the Local Plan to be sound, we consider that a full consultation on the options for growth at Blandford should be undertaken based on a proper assessment of all the alternative sites, and that assessment is included as part of the consultation.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**8. If your representation is seeking a change to the Local Plan as amended by the focused changes, do you consider it necessary to participate in the oral part of the examination?**

- No, I do not wish to participate in the oral examination
- Yes, I would like to participate in the oral examination

**9. If you wish to participate in the oral part of the examination please outline why you consider that to be necessary.** Please note that the Inspector determines who is heard at the examination.

In order that the case for our client's land is properly and fully aired.

**10. Please outline your comments on the Supplement to the Sustainability Appraisal or Addendum to the Habitats Regulations Assessment.** Comments are not confined to 'soundness' issues, but respondents can express their opinions on the above documents and use it as a reference point on the 'soundness' of the Local Plan.

**11. Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?** *Please tick all that apply. We will contact you using the details you have given above.*

- That the Local Plan Part 1, as amended by the Focused Changes, has been submitted for independent examination
- The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Part 1
- The adoption of the Local Plan Part 1.

Signature: P. Spong \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12 September 2014

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