

Green Belt

We agree that the need for housing and other needs such as the recreational requirements for the area outweighs the need for complete protection of the Green Belt. The five purposes of the Green Belt would not be contravened by a well-planned scheme at Leigh Road, Wimborne. Given that Wimborne is the strongest settlement in the district it is considered that it is entirely appropriate to focus development on this sustainable settlement.

However it is important to protect the historic setting to the town and as such the creation of new Green Belt boundaries. In the case of WMC6 it is considered that the Green Belt boundary should be expanded to the A31 to allow as explained earlier in this statement.

Green Belt designation is not required to protect the gap between settlements in this case. The provision of a community recreational facility on this site will offer the protection required if this physical gap is required to be maintained. The A31 forms a firm boundary to the countryside and should be used as such.