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– Dear Sir/Madam

## **Draft Housing and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (June 2013)**

### **8 week Public Consultation - 12<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

I am writing to advise you of an eight week public consultation for the recently published Draft Housing and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, which forms part of the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan. This is a joint document between Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council to support the joint Core Strategy, and its adoption will be dependent on the adoption of the Core Strategy to ensure certainty and deliverability of the Core Strategy housing policies.

The document has been produced to expand upon housing and affordable housing policies set out in the Core Strategy and it replaces the previous Supplementary Planning Guidance 'Affordable and Special Needs Housing and the Provision of Small Dwellings', implemented which was published by East Dorset District Council in December 2005.

This document and its associated process diagrams and appendices address the detailed operational and technical aspects of implementing the Core Strategy Meeting Local Needs policies that contribute to Strategic Objective 5 of the Core Strategy:-

*“To deliver a suitable, affordable and sustainable range of housing to provide for local needs”*

In particular, the document addresses the principles and processes that will ensure the delivery of appropriate market housing and affordable housing to meet local need and demand; and to ensure that future residential development contributes to mixed sustainable communities and a balanced housing market.

To ensure that policy aspirations and objectives are balanced with the critical importance of bringing forward land and viable development, the document also sets out the Councils' approach to negotiation, to viability assessment and where appropriate, the calculation of offsite commuted-sum contributions.

The document can be viewed at:

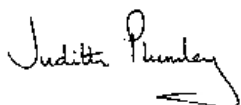
- Local libraries across Christchurch and East Dorset
- Christchurch Civic Offices main reception
- East Dorset District Council Planning Reception
- Parish and Town Council offices in East Dorset
- Steamer Point (Mudford, Christchurch)
- Christchurch Information Centre

If you wish to comment on the Draft Housing and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, please address the questions within the document as the basis of your response. Comments can be made:

- Online, through the consultation portal <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/410537>
- By emailing your comments to [planningpolicy@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk) using WORD format rather than a pdf.
- Or by posting your comments to: Planning Policy, Christchurch Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1AZ.

If you require further information on this document please contact Tim Davis, Housing Development and Enabling Manager, [TDavis@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:TDavis@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk) 01202 495217. For more information on the Local Plan please go to <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/348323>

Yours faithfully



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