

Planning Purbeck's Future



Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation - 1 November - 20 December 2010
Sustainability Assessment Summary of Representations

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Chapter: Sustainability Appraisal

Para/Policy/Map: SA Appendix 1

CG Fry & Son Ltd	Unsound	June 2010 site assessments for Lytchett Matravers are different from those in Sustainability Appraisal.	For Sites A & B the proposed effects should be reassessed to indicate positive in the short, medium & long term.
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Para/Policy/Map: SA para.2.5

Redwood Partnership	Unsound	SA does not provide objective framework for assessment of all options for development & as such it is not possible to demonstrate it is the most appropriate taking into consideration all reasonable alternatives. Table 2.6 notes that option 7 has not been taken forward because did not conform to RSS at the time. Para 3.4.2 of RSS notes that where there are few towns that meet Development Policy B criteria, districts should identify settlements with a potential to play more strategic role locally & allocate development accordingly. Wool meets criteria & is less environmentally constrained than elsewhere in district. Therefore, opportunity for further growth in Wool area was dismissed prematurely from CS. Wool is only location with potential to support additional growth in line with Habitats Regs.	In view of its range of services, good transport links, lack of constraints, & expanding role as employment centre, Wool/Winfrith area should be identified in Sustainability Appraisal as sustainable location for further development.
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Para/Policy/Map: SA para.5.3

Scott Estate	SA does not consider provision of new food store at Wareham. Without this it is unclear how CS will help everyone access better services. In section 5.3, SA states that the Core Strategy is 'strong on accessibility & self containment' but CS does not address fact that large part of District lies beyond 15 minutes drive of a supermarket. SA appraisal of Policy CEN indicates that new development at Wareham will help to support viability of existing & encourage location of new businesses such as retail. This
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		statement requires further justification given that policy does not include provision for a new food store at Wareham.	
Para/Policy/Map: SA policy FR			
Mr Oldham	Unsound	Combined effect of water run off, high sea levels, easterly winds not considered. High seas & winds back up drainage channels & prevent run-off.	Add consideration of these effects.
Para/Policy/Map: SA table 5.1			
Redwood Partnership	Unsound	Assessment matrix incorrectly assesses Wool as negative in terms of 'help everyone access basic services, reduce need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking, & use of public transport'.	The assessment of Wool Site A against 'help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking, and use of public transport' should be changed from '-' to 'n'.

Council Response to comments on Sustainability Appraisal :

ISSUES: Comments regarding differences in site assessments for consultation purposes (in "Where shall we build?") versus SA scoring itself, disagreement with some scoring on matrices, concern over lack of assessment for Wool/Winfrith area, lack of assessment of new food store, and lack of reference to combined effects of water in assessment of Policy FR.

COUNCIL RESPONSE: Scoring for SA uses different criteria than assessments undertaken in "Where shall we build?" consultation. Other disagreements regarding scoring are noted, but these are minor and do not affect the drawing up of options and the decisions made. Large scale development at Wool/Winfrith was dismissed during the process of identifying a suitable housing strategy and not put forward for public consultation as a reasonable alternative, as explained in Table 2.6 of the SA. Appendix 13 of the SA sets out matrices for various retail options. Comments on Policy FR are noted.

ACTIONS: When further SA is undertaken, combined effects of water will be included in the assessment.