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By Post and E-mail

Dear Sarah

Blandford+ Draft Plan Consultation

I write on behalf the Davis and Coats families.

Please accept the following as answers and comments regarding questions 1 - 3 in your questionnaire, in respect of the above:

Policy 1 – Spatial Plan

Q1. Do you agree that the Plan should focus future growth on the northern and eastern edges of Blandford Forum and on the Town Centre? Yes.

As owners of land to the north and east of Blandford Forum, my clients wholeheartedly agree that the Plan should focus growth in this direction, with the attendant revised settlement boundary. They concur that development in this direction is less constrained and offers the town more opportunities in terms of providing a wider mix of development. Additionally, with landowners on board, carrying out background studies to facilitate development, much needed housing, employment, education and ancillary facilities can be delivered in a timely manner, as and when it is required.

Policy 2 – Land to the East of Blandford Forum

Q2. Do you agree the proposed mix of uses for this site? Yes. Will the policy ensure that the scheme will be acceptable, especially in terms of its effect on the adjoining AONB and on the local roads? Yes.

My clients fully endorse the possible mix of uses suggested in the policy. They also acknowledge that such an extensive range of proposals should come forward as a comprehensive outline planning application, including the four components suggested. With those, it will be possible to demonstrate the limited impacts on flooding, the AONB and the local highway network. The masterplan would also give reassurances regarding design, layout and phasing.

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Policy 3 – Land to the North of Blandford Forum

Q3. Do you agree the proposed mix of uses for this site? Yes. Will the policy ensure that the scheme will be acceptable, especially in terms of its effect on the adjoining AONB and on the local roads? Yes.

Again, my clients support this policy. (It is suggested that '*adjoining the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire AONB*' is deleted). My clients also endorse the possible mix of uses suggested in the policy. In respect of point *vi* it is suggested that this should read '*Additional allotments*'. The reason for this is that my clients believe the existing allotments should also be coloured pink, to be included as part of this policy. By so doing, it will allow maximum flexibility for the development of this land, particularly in respect of access and distribution of uses. Allotments could still be provided over and above current provision.

I hope these comments are useful and look forward to being kept in touch with progress on the Plan.

Yours sincerely



Cliff Lane Director

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