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Swanage Responses – M-Z**

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Dear Sir.

I live opposite HERSTON
FIELDS, the GATEWAY to SWANAGE,
well known for its JURASSIC COAST
and lovely countryside and hills.
Herston Fields are well used, daily.
By locals and visitors alike.
All these houses and where are all
the people going to get jobs, there
are none in Swanage. The buses
do not run often enough, so there
will be more cars on the roads.
I think we should leave well alone.

Yours

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MRS. M.E. MARLOW

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From: Suzanne Mills[SMTP:RSMILLS@TALKTALK.NET]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 8:46:04 PM
To: email-LDF
Subject: where shall we build in Swanage and Corfe Castle
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Hello

My name is Suzanne Mills and I live at 4 Moor Road Swanage BH19 1RF, 01929 421388

My husband and I moved here in 2000 and run a B & B called Sunburst.

I absolutely love Swanage and my comments regarding 'where shall we build in Swanage and Corfe Castle' are as below.

1. I totally appreciate the need for **affordable housing** and are in agreement with the plots B C & D.

The design of the councils housing 'estates' these days is very much in keeping with the local area so I have no qualms about the 'blending in' of the affordable properties proposed.

2. The relocation of the **medical centre and the hospital** is also one that could really work BUT, what worries me is WHAT will replace them and more importantly WHEN. The vacated plots MUST be worked on asap and not just left as derelict plots like Westburys and the Pier Head, they both look disgusting.
3. The suggestion/proposal of **a Superstore** just out of town would be a complete waste of money and is totally unnecessary.

The type of people who do a 'big shop' are computer owners and do 'online' shopping and have it delivered. Elderly people are well served already with 'local' supermarkets and a weekly 'farmers market', they are adequately stocked for their purposes. AND if there is a superstore available what happens to the 'local' supermarkets we already have, do they also become obsolete and eventually close down and become derelict (like Woolworths was until Nixons took over....thank goodness).

I hope you take heed of my comments as I would hate to see Swanage change too much has hardly changed over the years and they love it.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Suzanne Mills
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25th July 2010

**COUNCILLOR DAVID BUDD
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Dear Mr Budd,

Please find enclosed the questionnaire regarding local development. We have not answered any of the questions because we are more concerned about the infra structure of the Pubeck area.

You state that you plan to build 200 new homes in Swanage alone, with more in Corfe Castle. This would cause an increase of several hundred more vehicles. The present road system and condition of these roads cannot cope with the existing volume of traffic.

As there are few work opportunities in the immediate vicinity, most people have to travel to other towns.

Swanage is literally a cul-de-sac, with the Valley Road and Sandbanks Ferry being the only routes in or out of the town. Corfe Castle and the Sandford areas are true bottle-necks, and these roads are often jammed due to excess traffic.

There are a number of areas in Swanage which have been left to moulder. For example----SHORE HOUSE site (looks like a bomb site), WESTBURY RESIDENTIAL HOME (a prominent eyesore in the heart of the town), THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL site, NEWTON LODGE site at Cow Lane left for months unfinished, and lastly James Day Care Home. All these sites have been left for various reasons, and need attention before trying to develop further areas.

As for moving the Medical Centre out to the Herston area, this would be a big mistake. These facilities need to be in a central position, and not out on the fringe, where more traffic problems will be created.

We hope that you will consider all these points raised, as we are very concerned about the quality of Life for all the people who live or visit this most beautiful area.

Yours Sincerely,

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N H NEL and R D NEL

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HERSTON FIELDS

22.7.10

Dear sirs,

The views of 'Herston Fields'
are classic Swanage Countryside
and it is so pleasant to walk
through the fields to the
railway and 'Herston Yards'.

It does not make sense to
build on an area of 'natural
beauty', especially when there
are two defunct rest home sites
and the Grammar School site
remaining derelict/dormant. (Plus
the Newton Garage project, which
seems to be in limbo).

Yours faithfully,

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To: Planning Services , Purbeck District Council

Re: Where shall we build in Swanage 2012-2026

Before considering any site in Swanage for development, the following need to be addressed:

Work availability in Swanage

There is very little full time employment in Swanage so many of those inhabiting these 200 new dwellings will be commuting out of the town. The bus service is inadequate and impractical for commuting, the alternative being private transport, putting extra pressure on:

Access to Swanage

At present the only ways into Swanage are via the A351 or over the Ferry, both of which are highly congested in the rush hour and during the peak holiday seasons. Building 200 dwellings would mean a minimum of 200 more cars using these roads. What provision has been made for better access to the town?

Facilities in Swanage

At the present time, the Council is in the process of trying to change schooling in the town, which, if successful, will mean more children being bussed to Wareham. Many of the 200 dwellings are likely to include children. Will the local primary schools be big enough to accommodate the extras, and how much more will be it cost to bus the older children to Wareham? Is there any liaison between the various departments in the Council to consider these possibilities?

The present medical centre is already heavily subscribed and an additional 200 families would be likely to stretch it to breaking point. Developers promises to build a new medical centre/community facilities are shaky if previous experience is anything to go by.

Present developments

There are currently at least two areas in town that are awaiting development – the site of the Westbury Care Home and that of Shore House – neither of which are being developed, possibly because of the economic situation and lack of potential purchasers. The site at Newton Manor is partially built, but again lack of buyers seems to be delaying works. Who is going to buy any of these 200 homes that the Council is proposing? Will they all end up as social housing? If so, where's the money coming from to build them?

The present government seems to be rethinking the edict to build so many dwellings; rather than concrete over yet more of Swanage, perhaps we should be waiting a while to see what steps this government consider necessary by way of housing; then consider the practicalities of building houses in such a poorly placed site when commuting etc. is taken into account.

Purbeck District Council Community Planning & Policy
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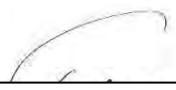
Site B, Herston Fields

I attended your presentation at the Mowlem and am unhappy with the basis on which you define choices in the face of changed Government policy. I have therefore been unable to complete your questionnaire. In this area of outstanding natural beauty open spaces need to be preserved not covered with concrete.

In particular, I am totally opposed to the proposal to build on "Site B". To use this area for building would destroy an open space that has been used effectively as a Village Green by the residents of Herston - in my own personal knowledge and use for more than 70 years. It would also severely degrade the present entrance to Swanage and wreck the beautiful outlook enjoyed by many houses to the south of the main road.. In addition the proposal for a new hospital and health centre etc., on this site, are, in my opinion, unjustified and impractical.

I therefore wish to register my complete opposition to the Site B proposal.

Yours sincerely


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W.H. Penley

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26 June 2010

Ref Purbeck DC's development proposals
for Swanage.

Dear Sirs,

Please read the enclosed copies of a letter I sent to you in April '08, and the reply I received from Mr Webb, your Design and Conservation Officer.

How can your position, ref your site B, have changed so completely in just 2 years?

Perhaps you would like to explain how the reassurances given by Mr Webb in his penultimate paragraph have proved to be totally worthless?

Did he deliberately mislead?

Whatever, my wife and I protest as strongly as we possibly can, for the same reasons I gave in my April '08 letter, against the possibility of any development, and in particular of housing, in this area.

Yours faithfully

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M. H. PHILLIPS

E. M. PHILLIPS

The Purbeck Society

THE PURBECK SOCIETY

Affiliated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

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13 July 2010

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Dear Mr Budd

PLANNING CONSULTATION: 'WHERE TO BUILD IN SWANAGE AND CORFE CASTLE' , 'SWANAGE SEAFRONT REGENERATION' and other matters.

Firstly I offer some general comments on behalf of the Society. You and your team are to be congratulated on mounting the most impressive and informative exhibition on Thursday last at The Mowlem in Swanage. It was good to see it so well attended – so well in fact it was difficult to take in all the information. In view of the number of interested people attending and in view of the amount of information presented, three hours was insufficient for all this information to be adequately assimilated and commented upon.

There was a particularly interesting document relating to townscape, a copy of which it was only possible to glimpse over someone's shoulder! Is it possible to obtain a copy of this so that members of the Society could study the document in detail, thereby giving it the closer study that it would seemingly deserve?

A further comment of concern is that of the cost of fees that the consultants will have incurred in preparation of their schemes, some quite fully developed. Can we be assured that these have all been incurred by private interests and that no costs have been incurred by the Council and hence by Council Tax payers ? This is particularly relevant as many aspects of the schemes presented will be violently at odds with the wishes of the Society's members and, we believe, residents generally.

While it is understandable, and indeed a requirement, for meaningful consultation for a wide variety of ideas and proposals to be aired, at this time of financial austerity, it seems disingenuous to offer so many proposals that are unlikely EVER

to see the light of day! I particularly refer to the Seafront Regeneration proposals in this regard. I will return to some detailed comments on this later.

WHERE TO BUILD IN SWANAGE AND CORFE CASTLE

The Society fundamentally and absolutely objects to the preferred option of housing etc. on Site B.

The Society expressed its severe reservations when the site was removed from the Conservation Area, despite protests from local residents. We, and they, were repeatedly assured that removal of the site from the Conservation Area would in no way indicate that the land would be built upon. Rather it would still be protected by virtue of its inclusion within the AONB and indeed it could be given 'village green' status to preserve its open nature.

Government intervention created the climate for consideration of 'exemption sites' and, as many feared, this has led to the situation where landowners with an eye for development income have seized this opportunity by producing quite detailed specific proposals. *The Council must not allow this development to occur.* To do so would call its integrity into question after the clear statements made to the Society and residents only 2 years ago.

Furthermore, the planning policy of the previous government has been discredited, with abandonment of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Therefore, there can now be little justification for the amount of house building proposed, and especially not on this site. However we do recognise that for the well-being of Swanage, there may be cause for some housing development elsewhere in the town.

We agree with the Council's rejection of Site A and the stated reasons for doing so.

Sites C and D

Considering Sites C and D. These would appear to the Society to offer the most benefits and least damage to the town and its environs, providing the majority of the development takes place on Site D, although even here we have concerns.

Site C

The Society would not oppose the principle of some limited development on this site either as an extension of the Cauldron Barn Road/D'Urberville Drive developments or a redevelopment of one of the caravan sites. Retention of views to and from the Downs and careful siting in the landscape would be essential. We suggest a maximum of 20 – 25 dwellings on this site, which we would also suggest need not in this case be 'affordable'.

Site D

We note that from the Assessments that this site has the least impact on ecology, flood risk, townscape, landscape, accessibility and highways and least impact overall.

We agree that in any development of this site some open appreciable space should be retained in the northern part and that pedestrian routes through the site should link this with the cricket and football grounds, Washpond Lane and/or Ulwell Road. The housing development should be located towards the southern end of the site nearer the former Grammar School building. We suggest that this should be for a maximum of twenty 2 or 3 bedroom affordable houses.

We would still wish to see the Grammar School building retained, either for community use, indoor sports facilities or as an educational facility. Please be aware of Education Swanage's proposals – an independent school in line with the new government's education policies - in an updated Grammar School building would be the most satisfactory solution. Retention of at least some of the playing fields would then be required and the existing road access to the school building could also be retained to serve its new use.

The proposal to demolish the Grammar School building, especially if it is to be replaced by an emasculated pastiche, would be vigorously opposed by the Society.

Apart from possible limited improvement at the junction of Washpond Lane and Northbrook Road, and a new access from Northbrook Road to serve the housing, there should be no other road 'improvements'. The character of Washpond Lane as a *lane* should be preserved.

From local experience, we note that there may be drainage and surface water issues. There are springs in the vicinity of Washpond Lane and Darkie Lane with, even in fairly dry periods, some run-off from adjacent fields.

HEALTH CENTRE

We are fundamentally opposed to the proposed re-location for this facility to any out of town site.

Consider the age profile of the population. A high proportion need the Health Centre for routine visits, check-ups, prescriptions, visits to practice nurses etc. With the presently centrally sited Health Centre, these visits can easily and conveniently combined with shopping etc. in the town. Where presently located, the Health Centre is beneficially sited for pedestrians from most central areas of the town and convenient for those using bus, taxi and even train for those coming from further away.

The proposed relocation to either Site B or Site D is unacceptable. It was suggested that bus services could be improved or introduced to serve these sites. However it is unlikely that they could be of sufficient frequency to nullify the great inconvenience of having to make a longer or additional journey specially to visit the Health Centre. Those presently able to walk to the Health Centre and having cars would, in all probability, drive to out of town sites adding needlessly to traffic and congestion. Those forced to use taxis would have to meet expensive fares– another potential burden on OAPs and people with mobility problems on low incomes.

It is accepted that the present Health Centre may not be entirely satisfactory for current requirements as put forward by the GPs. However, with current public financial constraints, we would suggest that the present facilities should be retained and, in due course added to, in order to accommodate the facilities that the doctors say they now require.

Therefore it is strongly suggested that, as funds permit, the existing Health Centre be re-developed in its present location in stages, making better use of the site. The present building is ugly, making little positive contribution to the streetscape. A well designed redevelopment using at least some stone facing, and an alternative to the harsh red tile concrete roofing would be welcome. By providing improved facilities on the present site it would, we suggest, provide the best solution for patients and doctors and also be of positive benefit to the town's streetscape.

SUPERMARKETS

The Society is generally against out of town supermarkets as they add to car traffic and detract from town centres by drawing business away from local shops and restaurants, due to the wide range of goods and facilities offered in their larger premises. Therefore the Society objects to the Worgret Road proposal.

In the Society's view, *if* there is a need, we consider that modest increases to the existing sites in Swanage and Wareham would be the most beneficial. [Perhaps it should be said that we have reservations about the retail consultant's view - after all would any such consultant ever say that the existing facilities were broadly satisfactory and then recommend no further action?!]

CORFE CASTLE

On the face of it, the Society would not object to the principle of very limited housing development in Corfe Castle. However there are some important provisos.

Is there a local need? We would definitely not support housing development which could be used for second homes.

Is there a suitable site? The consultation document would suggest that there is some doubt about this as none is identified.

Should the above conditions be satisfied, is the infrastructure there to support such a development? This includes not just roads but water, drainage, electricity and gas services.

If all of these factors can be satisfied, we would suggest a maximum of 20 dwellings, *all* affordable.

SWANAGE SEAFRONT REGENERATION

Swanage seafront is an attractive, predominantly sensitively landscaped series of open spaces, much valued for recreation by residents and visitors alike. The largest of these areas, the Sandpit Field, is used for the Swanage Carnival, various

festivals and numerous other events throughout the year, all bringing visitors and income to the town. The fanciful ideas for winter gardens, indoor sports facilities etc in this financial climate are all non-starters; not that they would be appropriate for the Swanage seafront anyway.

The open areas, with their landscaping and well tended flower beds should be retained as they are – they do not need development, alteration or any significant ‘improvements’. Therefore, there should be no further expense on staff or consultants considering such changes.

The only improvements required are the stabilisation of the footpaths, which are in part becoming dangerous due to their unevenness caused by localised subsidence. Better foundations and resurfacing are all that are needed together with some on-going maintenance.

Proposals were also put forward for the closure of Shore Road from the Ocean Bay to Victoria Avenue. At first sight this seems an attractive proposal. However, diverted traffic would then be sent either along De Moulham Road or Northbrook Road with, doubtless, considerable expenditure on consequential road ‘improvements’, with concomitant loss of trees and hedges, proliferation of signs etc . Either or both of these alternative routes would be opposed by residents. The Society’s view is that the existing closure (Victoria Avenue – Mowlem) should be maintained for the summer months (May – September) but the remainder of Shore Road be retained for vehicular traffic.

We are less decided as to whether car parking should continue to be allowed. If it is, there should be no parking meters. They look unsightly, would probably be vandalised or be out of action due to the severe seafront conditions. Most importantly, they would have the effect of narrowing an already narrow pavement.

A consideration for the future might be paving the road surface with stone setts. This would be far more attractive than the present asphalt surface, have a degree of traffic calming and would indicate that vehicular traffic is allowed, but as a subsidiary use.

Yours sincerely

M A Stollery

Cc (by e-mail) S Dring, A Davies (PDC); Swanage Town Council; C Brixton, D Gerry, Mrs R Newton

Quiney, J

14th September 2010

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Dear Mr Budd

Save Herston Fields

I am writing to add my voice of opposition to the Council's proposal to allow 100 or so houses to be built on the fields to the north of the High Street at Herston.

These fields were deliberately removed two years ago by the Council from the Herston Conservation Area along with assurances that it was extremely unlikely that they would ever be built on. So much for Council assurances in the light of the current proposal!

The reasons for my opposition are as follows:-

1. Previously designated an area of outstanding natural beauty, the Herston fields form an important part of the dramatic view across to Nine Barrow Down for those arriving at Swanage from the west, one of the two major gateways to the town. To build a large housing estate on them would completely destroy this natural and dramatic landscape enjoyed by generations past and present. This view is especially important to combat the unappealing sight on the opposite side of this gateway of rows of dreary Council built houses.
2. The fields are an important public amenity space for Herston residents used by many for walking, exercising dogs and as a pleasant access route to and from the railway at Herston Halt. They are also important for the preservation of local wildlife. Why should local residents give up what is in effect their "village green"?
3. It is an established fact that the fields in question are a natural flood plain and have underlying marl beds beneath. To contemplate building on them is not only foolhardy but would also add considerable development costs for providing alternative arrangements for flood relief and for special foundations etc. In addition building so close to a steam preservation railway line is surely not a good idea. These fields are therefore unsuitable for development.
4. In my view, meeting the Isle of Purbeck's perceived needs for more housing by building large estates in Swanage is not the answer. New housing should only be provided for the needs of the local community and should be small in scale and sustainable, up to say about 20 homes in any one development fitting in with surrounding properties. Nobody wants a repeat of the recent planning disaster at the Newton Grange site.

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5. The immense size of this proposed development will have a detrimental effect on the local infrastructure leading to more traffic congestion and greater pressure on other social service requirements.

6. As part of this proposal, re-locating the Swanage Health Centre a mile from the town centre does not make sense. It would be far better to expand the existing facilities in their present location.

Despite pressures to build more houses generated from outdated and ill-conceived dictates by the previous government, I would urge you to seriously re-consider any ideas of building on Herston Fields and instead protect this well used local amenity.

Yours sincerely

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Mr J. Quiney

cc. Eric Osmond
Steve Mckenzie
Gary Suttle
Annette Brookes
Bill Tritte

Quiney, S

12th September 2010

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Clr David Budd
Purbeck District Council
Westport House
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Dear Mr Budd

Herston Fields

"Welcome to Swanage" says the beautifully displayed stone sign as you approach Herston on the Corfe Road. How very disappointing it would be to ruin that glorious approach after you've passed the middle school and soon to be the first school's entrance, to be greeted by a large housing estate where the picturesque fields once were.

I am a regular walker in Herston fields probably most days. I know the problems the fields have with waterlogging, drainage from the marble bed, so how on earth building will cope with that one I really don't know. The cost of the drainage will soon raise the price of an "Affordable" house.

I do feel there are many issues to be raised against any development on the Herston fields. Firstly, the industrial estate behind the petrol station still lies dormant with apparently no forthcoming building, so why not houses there? Secondly, there are other sites in Swanage, such as the Grammar school site at Washpond Lane, Northbrook road, which could be utilised. Herston can't cope with anymore homes; in the summer the caravan/camping site population flock down to the shop and it just about copes. The facilities in Herston are not enough for a new population. The main road is congested enough already especially at Herston Cross, without all the extra traffic from a new development. The school entrance would also become a serious hazard with the extra children in attendance.

The Government appears to be relaxing its policies on new housing, so does Swanage need all these new homes, young people today cannot even get mortgages, so who will buy them? They will all be built to the cheapest stipulation and look very much like the one's up the top of Herston that look like chicken houses. Swanage is mostly a pretty town, why spoil it with inappropriate developments. Look at the mess on the Newton Grange site now and that was such a lovely house in a most desirable plot.

Please take to heart everyone who is supporting our plea and save Herston fields.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs S Quiney

Cc: Eric Osmond; Steve Mckenzie; Gary Suttle; Annette Brookes; Bill Trite

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To: email-LDF
Subject: Re: Site B
Importance: High
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Dear Sir

I wish to express my dismay, anger and disgust over Purbeck District Council's sudden revelation that Site B is the 'chosen' site for this unnecessary development.

I understand that the Council have decided to adopt the last government's edit to have to build a large number of new houses in the area.

I believe that this was not part of the Council's original development plans for Purbeck, so why now?

You seem to hide behind the fact that the area needs 'affordable housing, don't you see that it is the ambience and character that keeps the value of houses high because people want to live in a nice area, so will pay a premium for this.

Saying that the locals need additional housing too is a misnomer, as you need to have jobs and non seasonal work to support anyone who would need to take out a mortgage.

Where will the individuals gain work I ask? I'll tell you where, in Poole and other areas, increasing the traffic on an already deemed 'the most busiest road in Dorset' the link through Wareham, Sandford onto the bypass.

What idiot thinks that building an additional 200 homes in the Swanage area will bring benefits to all the local residents? Get real.

Whilst I am not against development, we all agree that it needs to be sympathetic to the immediate environment and not just a simple easy task for the Council to build such a large number in a single location.

Swanage will lose the very essence that makes it attractive in the first place, space, the sense of freedom, a rural and beautiful place to live in. The Gateway to the Jurassic Coast' a World Heritage Site and an area of outstanding natural beauty marred by a large housing estate. Great.

Get real Purbeck Planning Department and smell the coffee.

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12th September 2010

Councillor David Budd,
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Dear Sir,

HERSTON FIELDS

I am at a loss to understand the totally inappropriate proposal of the development of Herston Fields. The area lies in an AONB and a defined flood zone and is home to varied wildlife, including deer. There is a seam of Purbeck marble which runs under the fields and under this marble seam is a large quantity of running water.

People holiday in Swanage because of the beautiful hills, fields and countryside and to take away this stunning approach to the town would be a disaster.

What has changed since Mr. Benjamin Webb's letter dated 27.5.08 where he clearly states "The fact that this field lies within the AONB subject to landscape policies within PPS7 and also lies within a defined flood zone means that it is highly improbable that it will ever be developed. Indeed the field currently lies outside the settlement boundary for Swanage, an indication that the Local Authority views this an inappropriate location for development. Should further reassurance be needed the characterisation study for Swanage and Herston noted above has further identified the field as an important feature within the broader context of the settlement and thus not suitable for development."

Why does Swanage need 200 extra dwellings when existing houses are not selling and are still under construction?

100 new homes = 200 more cars. During a summer's evening the traffic jam is from Wareham to the Baker's Arms and the Sandbanks ferry queue time is often 2 hours. There is no alternative to exit The Isle of Purbeck.

A high percentage of the houses will be occupied by families with children. With the current closure of local schools, where are these children going to be educated? Where will the occupiers find jobs? Poole? Bournemouth? More congestion on roads. On August Bank Holiday Monday a small road repair at the narrowest part of the centre of Corfe Castle meant that two lines of traffic were unable to pass at the same time. The traffic queue from Corfe Castle was back to the Stoborough roundabout. We do NOT need more congestion.

I await your comments.

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JANE RICHARDS (Mrs)

16-7-10
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Community Services Directorate
21 JUL 2010
FILE REF
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to register our disapproval of the proposed development of Weston fields. This is the one open space left for local people to enjoy. Childrens games i.e football, cricket, kite flying, Rounders, & dog walking can be seen every day, a Public Foot Path leading to the Purbeck Hills is used constantly by walkers of every age.

The impact of traffic on the A35, which is already congested & in the holiday season will be impassible,

Please turn down the development of this lovely area

Yours sincerely

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4-9-10

MR & MRS F RILEY
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Dear to Councillor Budd.

We are writing to you to register our protest about the development of Stenton Fields, it is one of the last landscapes for every one to access to open fields.

Do we really need any more concrete blocks going up.
i.e Newton Street; who are going to buy these homes people from away? where will they work? or will they be second homes, which we have an abundance in Swanage.

Why was Stenton taken out of the conservation area?

If more homes have to be built, how about the Option at Northbrook Rd. where the Old Grammar School has been developed for 25-30 years plus adjoining field.

We need Stenton Fields to be left as open space for all to enjoy. People walking, children playing & some just to sit & picnic, & dog walking an open space for all.

Yours sincerely

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Save Herston Fields Group

Response of Save Herston Fields Group

Save Herston Fields Open Meeting

21st July 2010

Over 140 people attended

Key Issues raised by people. (As drawn out in Post-It Note Session)

Village Green

- Loss of (flat) open space that is used regularly by many people for leisure and health activities
- Should be Herston Village Green

Flooding

- Areas of flooding on site
- Where run off would go

Congestion/Traffic

- Concerns about increased level of traffic , already congested at peak/holiday times
- Major issues about access to site and impact of junction on landscape

Jobs/Affordable housing/second homes

- No local jobs created
- Issue of building on green field site
- Concerns about the current level of 2nd homes not used for much of the year and nothing to stop 2nd home owners buying new houses
- Concerns about how affordable any of the homes will be. Importance of affordable housing for local people
- Think should go back to drawing board to look at whole housing issue to resolve within town settlement.

Site of health services

- Issue about the need to move any of the health services
- Most people wanted them to stay in town centre where most accessible

Landscape

- PDC wrote that field is in AONB and inappropriate for development
- Gateway to Swanage- IS the open space and landscape across to hills. NOT a "vernacular" health building.
- "Should be preserved at all costs"

Conservation Area

- Concern that taken out of conservation area

01929 426517

Mr A Scott
383 High Street
SWANAGE
BH19 2NP



Dear Sir, We as a family
strongly object to the loss
of our Playing Field, Memorial Field,
over the last 30 yrs of its use,
and your late Mr. Goodington
is a notable expert on visiting
our listed building that the
era would remain a back up
flood plain.

Also 4 million ~~Pounds~~ Public money
has been spent on earth works
slightly East of our cottage and
development, would render them
useless.

Over all these years it has been
much used for Fair, bitures
and recreation, but badly needs
grading out, re-sowing & maintaining
our Proper Village Green.

Yours Sincerely

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To David & family Sept

ENVIRONMENTAL
A.F.S.

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28 JUL

Mr A Scott
253 High Street
SWANAGE
DN26 2NP

Alzheimer's
Society

Dear Sir or Madam.

Planning

Ref Site B of Swanage
Proposed Development
CONTROL
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28 JUL 2010

Dear Sir or Madam

I list as follows.

1. Buildings on site B would cancel out its water emergency use, in the bad winters.
2. Waste millions of pounds, well thought out flood relief.
3. Allow for yet more second home for the wealthy, to be left unoccupied & unavailable to lower paid workers.
4. There are no jobs of any quality to be had, locally.
5. Virtually spoiling the approach to a World Wide Heritage Site, Designated.

Yours Truly

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Our Ref: MDB/VIH/TP 08/197
27 July 2010

Dear Mr. Dring,

Re: Purbeck Local Development Framework – Core Strategy – Public Consultation on Preferred Options

As agents for one of the major stakeholders, I am writing to support the Council in its identification of the former Grammar School site and land adjoining as one of the two sites in the Preferred Option, Site D. It is noted that the Preferred Option suggests 100 dwellings, 50 of which should be affordable, with potential improvements to sport and recreation facilities. For example, improvements to Swanage Town and Herston Football Club Ground, all-weather pitch, etc., or provision of a new link road between Ulwell Road and Northbrook Road.

It goes without saying, that my clients in principle support this Preferred Option. You are understandably anxious that any Option that you put forward should be deliverable. My clients are ready, willing and able to proceed with a development swiftly in the event of planning permission being forthcoming. My clients will deliver the affordable housing through a sister company which is registered as a non-profit making housing association.

The contributions and the affordable housing can only be provided out of the gross profits from the development. The development can be made more viable if it incorporates development for other uses which generates a development value.

In addition to the identification of a site for development, you are also consulting on community benefits which could potentially be delivered with new housing. Only two of these have the potential also to generate development value, these are integrated community hospital/health centre and an elderly persons' care home. None of the other benefits listed is likely to generate any capital value which can be realised. Therefore, if the Council wishes to secure these community benefits again, they can only be provided for out of the profits from the remainder of the development.

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My clients have therefore considered seriously the option of including within the development a 60 bed Care Home. Not only would this generate capital value, it would reduce the overall number of affordable housing units from approximately 50 to approximately 40. It would also benefit the community by creating employment for approximately 60 local people

We are aware that the Transport Authority will seek a substantial financial contribution from any development which increases the number of vehicle trips within Purbeck. At the current level of tariff, it is likely that the Authority would be looking for an overall contribution in the order of £½m.

There are various options including a new link road between Ulwell Road and Northbrook Road. I am not convinced that a new road is necessarily needed, but the existing one could be re-aligned and perhaps the junction priority changed, which might benefit the circulation of buses around the town and between the town and Poole. We also support the restoration of the rail link between Swanage and Wareham as a public transport facility as well as a tourist attraction and this would be of great benefit to the community. We would argue therefore, that if a transportation contribution is justified, that this should be ring fenced either for improvements to the link between Ulwell Road and Northbrook Road, and/or facilitating a permanent link to the main line railway, between Swanage and Wareham.

We concur with the Local Planning Authority's Assessment that Site D has the least impact upon the overall environment. It is of no value, so far as the ecology of the site is concerned, even the grassland being improved, rather unimproved grassland. A number of the trees are Fir trees which have little wildlife value. There is evidence that the bats have used the roof of the former Grammar School, but we envisage the provision of a substantial building such as the Care Home would be able to incorporate bat roosting facilities within a large gable roof.

The site of the former Grammar School is outside of the Flood Risk Zones 2 and 3 but because much of the site is currently grassland, there might be some additional surface water run-off from development. That can be dealt with by way of sustainable drainage, including the re-use of rainwater for grey water systems and irrigation of landscaped areas.

The site is contained by the existing northward extension of New Swanage and the development to the west of Northbrook Road. It is thus well related to the settlement pattern and development would not harm the overall character. The illustration which was provided for the Exhibition demonstrates that a sympathetic layout of primarily family housing can be achieved. Some additional tree planting would be appropriate to soften views into the site.

I agree that access into the town on foot or by road is equally advantageous. It is a straight, gentle gradient from the site into the town centre. The road is of a good width, without too much parking on it. A fairly minor modification to the Northbrook Road/Ulwell Road link might facilitate a number of benefits to public transport and also possibly remove some traffic from Shore Road.

Finally, I can confirm a willingness on behalf of clients to deliver development on this land just as soon as the policies are adopted and planning consent obtained. They are prepared to be

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27 July 2010

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S Dring Esq.
Planning Policy Team

flexible and work with your council in order to deliver a viable and sympathetically designed development for the benefit of the local community.

Please let me know if there is any further information or clarification that you would like me or my clients to provide.

Whilst writing I enclose a CD of the display we presented at the road show,

Yours sincerely

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Enc.

MISS LAR SMITS.

Knollsea Cottage
375 High Street
Herston Swanage
BH19 2NF
Sept 10. 2010.

Ref. Herston fields.

Dear Cllr Bud.

What a horrific blot on the landscape it will be if this monstrous building project goes ahead.

I have lived here at 375, immediately opposite the "Fields" for the past 21 yrs and know very well how it is in continuous use by myself and loads of locals - walking dogs, sitting sketching, collecting blackberries, watching the birds and butterflies etc.

It is a real haven for wildlife; the grasses & hedges that surround it provide a good habitat for them all.

The ground is wet, and I mean wet, wellies required and photographed it when it became a lake! Even during this very dry hot summer when all other fields were baked brown & arid Herston fields still were very green. This suggests to me that there must be an access to water from underneath it? and there are natural springs up there.

As to traffic, well it is bad enough now. Heavy delivery lorries, quarry trucks - buses and an endless stream of cars - Would the extra

load of vehicles be acceptable - especially that there is congestion at Holeson Cross and at the railway Bridge - where the new 'roundabout' is going to be placed.

Never Mind the Stone "Welcome to Swanage" sign reads, it may have to be altered to Welcome to Milton Keynes!

Joking apart I'm like many others am really distressed at the thought of our lovely landscape being lost forever. and just hope that the planning authorities come to their senses and 'stop it'!

Yours sincerely

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MISS. L. SMITS

Knollsea Cottage
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7th July 2010.

Purbeck District Council Community Services Directorate
- 9 JUL 2010
FILE REF

Dear Sirs

In reference to the proposed development for Building on Herston fields. Site B on your plans. I have lived at 375 High Street Herston since 1989 having paid over the top for its value due to having the privilege of the uninterrupted view - of course, I like most of the Herston folk do not want to lose their field and the fantastic views.

However, apart from this there are so many points against its development for housing etc.

Firstly, although the flood relief system was put in place, the field site 'B' is a flood plain; the middle strip of the field, in heavy rain becomes extremely boggy & makes a landing stage for the seagulls! Even in dryer times, where the water needs grow; you need your wellies!

100 extra homes, means 200 extra people - plus 100 extra cars and of course extra children - this road already carries very heavy traffic - Buses, Vans, lorries, Quarry lorries etc - Work is at a low in Swanage so there is always commuter cars with people having to travel out to Poole etc to find jobs.

Where are the extra people load from these new houses going to find work - Travel away

to Poole, Wareham?

This field has been always known as Herston village green, or common. Swanage itself has green space with its parks, but Herston has NO green space of its own. The 'field' has been used every day by dog walkers, kids playing football, kite flying, picnicing - The Blackberries that surround it have been picked by the locals since the year 'dot'.

As to the wild life losing their homes - Badgers, Poles, birds and the Dorset Blue Butterflies that feed along the hedge rows.

The only access to this area has to come via Corfe, just imagine what an increase in traffic & population would cause to that 'JAM' up on the road.

I ask, who these houses are going to be offered to, Poole over spill, second home owners? Local people are hard pushed to afford property here anyway.

Surely more suitable areas can be found because this field is really very unsuitable and a huge loss to the community.

I write in the hope that the Powers that be will really consider all the points I have raised,

Yours sincerely

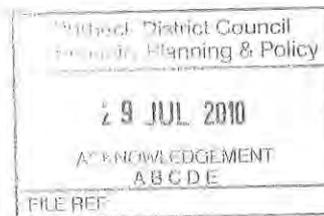
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Stephenson, B

April Cottage
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July 2010

Dear Sir



I am a resident of Herston Swanage and am totally opposed to the proposed development of housing at Herston Fields.

These fields at the entrance to Swanage give an amazing uninterrupted view of the Purbeck hills and landscape and is a welcome site for all people coming into Swanage. I use these fields daily to walk my dog except when the area is very wet as this is a flood plain and becomes almost impassable. During the summer we frequently pick blackberries and enjoy the wild life found in this area. Local and visitors regularly use the area to play ball games and picnic. As the area is relatively flat it is used by people of all age groups and ability.

Adding additional housing in this area would cause problems with the roads which are already congested in this area and would definitely be a blot on the landscape. Flooding is of major concern to local residents.

I moved to Swanage nearly thirty years ago to get away from city life and enjoy the open views and landscape that this area has to offer.

Please do not allow this development to proceed.

Yours faithfully

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Betty Stephenson
(Miss).

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3/6/10

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing in response to your consultation regarding the proposal for new housing, in Swanage. We wish to object in the strongest terms to any development of Site B.

It is our understanding, that since the General Election in May 2010, MP Oliver Letwin has stated:

"The controversial plans for the South West Region Development Agency to build 48,100 new properties in Dorset has been scrapped by the new Government." Therefore, there is no requirement for the District Council to proceed.

Site B lies within an area of outstanding natural beauty, subject to landscape policies within PPS7 - the field currently lies outside the settlement boundary. Most of our neighbours chose to purchase homes that provide beautiful, uplifting views of Nine Barrow Down + Ballard Down.

Indeed, it is the first superb view that tourists see when they enter Swanage, driving past Site B. The beautiful geographical features of our locality are what sustain the thriving tourist industry to

Swanage. This proposed development would destroy the awe inspiring impact of the prominent views of the distant landscape.

We live within the Conservation Area of Herston, which used to include Site B until it was removed in 2008. The District Council made assurances at the time that the land was 'an inappropriate location for development'. The town planners stated that; "the characterisation study for Swanage + Herston noted above has further identified the field as an important feature within the broader context of the settlement and thus not suitable for development."

We wish to highlight that a large number of respondents to the conservation consultation informed the Council of Site B's valued community use for recreation. We are currently exploring registration as a 'Village Green' with our neighbours and friends, under Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006.

In summary, we are deeply opposed to the Site B development as it will have a major detrimental impact on the townscape and landscape. It will adversely affect local community cohesion at Herston and negatively impact on tourists' views of the locality.

Yours sincerely,

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FILE REF:

Scott Swis,

I visit & write this in absolute horror at the suggestion of more housing at Herston.

My husband & I moved & settled in Swanage eleven years ago, with great joy that we could retire & enjoy with my family many years of country living. Prior to buying our new cottage we investigated thoroughly the environment & its suitability. Especially the fields opposite,

at first put together the enclosed package & with this we were overjoyed. The fields opposite were completely sacrosanct therefore the maximum traffic involved was that passed in & out of Swanage.

No through road as such & the lane opposite being unsuitable for heavy traffic confirmed the limitation.

When we were informed by the Purbeck Council that the preservation order (on the fields) was to be voided, we were shaken. My husband phoned the author of the notice. He was told when he queried was in for development, that the site was so unsuitable & no building would ever take place on that field.

Towards the end of 2001 or 2? the storms that year created a great problem for us. Each time there was a downpour the road outside the cottage flooded. Not ordinary flooding but so much so that the manhole covers lifted up on top of the water. We had a full year with sandbags on our doorstep.

Wonderfully a council took up our case & prior to the road resurfacing the alignment of the road was slightly altered to encourage the water over towards the lane & flood plain.

At this stage we had the most

allowing experience.

Over toilets both upstairs & downstairs rose to the surface when there was a flood & we couldn't flush them.

We were assured that air was pushing the water up - but we are still not convinced.

However due to the help of the councillor the road was slightly improved & the toilet problem solved with this.

Now to the point of this letter.

We were told the reasons were so old that they were unable to take the amount of water coming from all objections into them. That was the universal opinion. That they could not be replaced due to the fact not only of cost, but that of swanage being almost an idle & the road with single access to it could not be closed.

For the past two or three years we have experienced still on heavy rains a great deal of water.

↳ collecting outside the cottage. Traffic going through it throws some all over front including lounge window & with force over the front door.

So much so, we are having our front door replaced. The sound of this at times is too loud. Jewels on the floor stop seepage into cottage.

I have held this without causing a nuisance till now. However now I will begin to shout, no way are we having more of this.

We find it appalling that even the suggestion of more housing, more road, more demand, more traffic, more build up for drains, & so on - is even being considered.

What on earth are you contemplating, there is hardly a space for traffic in the High Street or even over the narrow bridge to Victoria Ave.

The most important thing however that swanage has is its beauty. That would be lost. Please save our fields.

It is the only place on level to walk. Being in the country but having no view to walk would be heart-breaking.

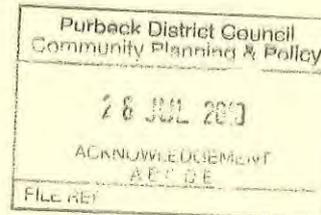
Sincerely yours,

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26 July 2010

Mr Steve Dring
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Dear Mr Dring,

Re: Herston Fields, Swanage

I am absolutely appalled that Herston Fields has become the preferred option for Purbeck District Council on which to build 100+ dwellings. I have already returned the consultation questionnaire, but I would also like to explain my reasons for protesting at such a decision.

Until recently, Herston Fields formed part of the Herston Conservation Area. When Herston Fields was removed from the conservation area in July 2009, I was concerned that there may be plans afoot to develop on the site. However, Purbeck District Council gave some reassurance in the document "Herston Conservation Area – Appraisal Document" stating that:

"The fact that this field lies within the AONB – subject to landscape policies within PPS7 – and also lies within a defined flood zones mean that it is highly improbable that this field will ever be developed. Indeed the field currently lies outside the settlement boundary for Swanage, an indication that the Local Authority views this an inappropriate location for development."

What has changed in only twelve months to turn Herston Fields into the preferred option for development?

Forming part of an area of outstanding natural beauty, Herston Fields provides the only uninterrupted view in Swanage of Ballard Down and the Purbeck Hills. When arriving at Swanage on the A351 from Corfe, there is already a large and ugly development of local authority housing built in the 1960s/70s on the right hand side of the road, but to the left you have the beautiful vista across Herston Fields. If the development at Herston Fields were to proceed, all you would see on your arrival into Swanage would be a large, sprawling, over developed town.

Considering a large proportion of Purbeck District Council's income is derived from tourism and people are choosing to holiday in this country more, everything should be done to encourage tourism in Swanage. People come to Swanage for the beaches, beautiful countryside and quaintness of the town. By destroying the local countryside and overdeveloping the town, visitors will be deterred from coming to Swanage and spending their money here.

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Mr Steve Dring
26 July 2010

Many people enjoy Herston Fields, not just for the views, but as an open space where they can walk their dogs, play games or use the Public Footpath across it to join the Swanage Railway at Herston Halt. However, we also share the landscape with many species of wildlife. I understand that Purbeck District Council has not yet performed a full ecology survey, but we know that Herston Fields provides a home to barn owls, water voles (protected species), deer, bats, badgers, foxes, wild flowers and other birds including green woodpeckers. The development of new properties in the High Street, next to Cow Lane in Swanage has already demonstrated the complete disregard for local wildlife. The large trees on the site, all with TPOs, provided a nesting site for a large group of rooks. All the trees were chopped down by the developers, despite local protests.

The fact that Herston Fields lies within a defined flood zone cannot be overlooked. Not only will this mean any development of the site will be more problematic and thus more expensive, it will also impact on the surrounding inhabitants, especially those in Kings Road which has a history of flooding. Insurance of the properties will be very expensive, which will impact mostly on those on limited income living in the "affordable housing". Insurance will be a luxury that they may not be able to afford.

The "sweetener" of a new medical centre and ambulance station has obviously not been thought through properly. Moving it to the outskirts of Swanage would mean people would have to travel out of the town, by car mostly, creating more traffic, more pollution and at more cost to those people. This would make it particularly difficult for the elderly and infirm. The current location of Swanage Medical Centre is ideal. It is in the centre of the town and easy to access. I understand the current building could be adapted and extended relatively easily to meet the needs of Swanage's population. An ambulance station would mean, again, more traffic and noise from sirens in a residential area. A more suitable location would be within the new business park.

There is limited employment in Swanage, especially in the current financial climate, so where will all the proposed new inhabitants work? You have acknowledged that employment in Swanage is a problem and responded that "*a large number of people will choose to live in Swanage but work in Holton Heath, Winfrith, Poole or Dorchester.*" If this is the case, shouldn't the new homes be built in Holton Heath, Winfrith, Poole or Dorchester, rather than encouraging more commuting resulting in busier roads and more pollution?

I can assure you that my protestations are not a result of nimbysm. I have worked for a registered social landlord for many years, and understand the pressure to provide affordable housing for those most in need. However, this should not be at the cost of destroying a much loved and beautiful part of Swanage.

Purbeck is blessed with some of the most stunning countryside in the world that should be protected. Once it's gone, it's gone for ever. Please do not allow this to happen.

Yours sincerely,

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Amanda Taylor

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29th June 2010

FREEPOST RSAX-LTRK-TRKE
Planning Services
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Dear Sir

South East Purbeck - Planning Consultation

Having received the folded document recently delivered to all households I would like to better understand the overall position and become better equipped to respond to the questionnaire. Accordingly, I would appreciate receiving some considered comments on the following points:

Regarding responses to the Autumn consultation questionnaire, the above new document states that, 'In and around Swanage, there were 585 responses of which 61% supported the Council's Preferred Option that includes a settlement extension to Swanage of 200 dwellings and new employment land'.

Were I to visit the Council's Offices, would I be able to see the actual responses, excluding names and addresses.

Regarding supermarkets, the new document states that, 'Of the 1936 responses, half (50%) supported the Council's Preferred Option of a large supermarket at Wareham. The compares with 10% who supported the option of a large supermarket in Swanage and 21% who supported medium sized supermarkets in both towns. Therefore there is uncertainty within the District as to whether a new, large supermarket should be built in Wareham'.

Please explain how the word 'uncertainty' correlates with these percentages.
Perhaps the words 'substantial majority' would have been more fitting.

Please also explain what the views of the remaining 19% were.

Regarding a Wareham supermarket, the new document states that 'No decision has been made whether to build a new supermarket; however, it is included in each of the options for Wareham to show potential locations in case it is taken forward'.

In conjunction with the word 'uncertainty', the phrase 'in case it is taken forward' could indicate the start of a search for ways to discount the views of the 51%.

Regarding the Traffic Light System, the new document states that, 'we have carried out a preliminary assessment of all the sites....'

For such an important matter, why just a preliminary assessment.

The words in the table appear to be very woolly and meaningless, and hardly any basis for distinguishing the level of impact

Even with such deficiencies, the allocation of a colour to each of the 7 criteria for each site seems fundamentally wrong in some cases.

Were I to visit the Council's Offices, would I be able to see the backing papers relating to the processes followed and the reasoning for (a) selecting the words, (b) allocating the colours.

Regarding Affordable Housing, the new document states that 'of the 200 dwellings proposed, half would be 'affordable housing''. The first consultation document said that the Council was powerless to stop second home ownership but could require that a proportion of new housing would be affordable to local people, mentioning 40-50%.

In view of the substantial and disproportionate number of second homes built in Swanage in recent years, why can't the Council take decisive action and now choose a 90% figure.

What powers does the Council have to limit the use of 200 dwellings to local people.

Regarding Site C, it is understood that new housing is already being developed on this site.

If the Council recommends B & D whilst having already agreed to C, does this not misrepresent the picture.

Please confirm that at least 50% of Site C development is to be 'affordable housing'

Please confirm how many properties have been authorised for site C and that the 200 dwellings proposed for Swanage will be reduced by this number.

Regarding 'Gap Filling' and 'Sprawl', the new document considers gap-filling at Site A and sprawl at Site C to be inappropriate.

By contrast, regarding site D, it seems acceptable, apparently, that 'land immediately to the west could also be developed'. What would this be except sprawl.

Regarding Corfe Castle, the new document asks: 'Providing a suitable site can be found, should 30 dwellings be built in Corfe Castle up to 2026 as requested by Corfe Castle Parish Council'.

For Corfe Council to be so enthusiastic, it must (a) be very confident that sites can be found and (b) believe that a modest offer now, with safeguards until 2026 represents a good strategy. What does it know that the public doesn't.

Please confirm that if the Corfe option is taken up, this would mean that the Swanage 200 could be further reduced by 30.

Regarding Time Limits for development, the above is the only mention of 2026 in the document.

Does this also mean that dwelling numbers proposed for all 5 Purbeck Areas, including the 200 for Swanage, represent the maximum that will be permitted before 2026.

Does it also mean that any dwellings built since the date of the government's edict, perhaps 2 years ago, count towards the proposed numbers. If not, perhaps the Council could postpone decisions on all housing applications until there is a conclusion.

Regarding Community Benefits, the new document lists several that 'could potentially be delivered with new housing'.

Many of these options and the price (in all senses, including parking, traffic, continued future funding) that would have to be paid, should have been part of the table of considerations for each site - criteria 8, even 9. Positioned solely as a key part of the questionnaire, the list represents a bias to encourage people to vote for the Preferred Option.

It seems misleading to imply that some of the benefits mentioned might somehow magically appear when history informs that

- (a) some have been ruled out previously
- (b) there has been not only a struggle to retain similar existing facilities but also a failure to retain others.

Surely 'Better access to the countryside to the west' is not provided by any option.

As I mentioned before, I would appreciate a comprehensive response regarding each of the above points as it seems unlikely that I will be able to attend the Mowlem on 8th July.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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23 July 2010

Purbeck District Council Community Planning & Policy
26 JUL 2010
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ABCDE
FILE REF:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to log my opinion about the PDC's plans to build on Herston fields.

There are many plots in town, and houses and bungalows (3 at the top of Jubilee Rd) which are not sold, so why do we need more housing? It makes a mockery of the conservation area idea - only when it suits eh?

Herston - the dumping ground for Swanage. We have a business park which not is sold. We will be getting the new dump. We have "social" housing all around us. Day Rd estate or

one side, Marsh way + Quarry close etc at the top, Steer Rds on the other, plus along the High Street. Don't you think Herston has enough? Try the other end out of town - Bullard, Uwell etc. Not us again. We have more than our fair share.

We don't need a new hospital or ambulance station. We have a lot of traffic already. This is bribery and we are not that daft.

A new old folks home - come on - why waste money building another when they are closing down all over town. Where are all these people going to work? My husband is local - born in Swanage, I've been here 40 years. You are driving us out.

Apparently tourism is set to rise by 60% by 2020

but the charm of Swanage will
be gone. Who wants to visit
Norton Keynes by the sea? Don't
dump on us again - once it's gone
it's gone.

Mavis

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I visit & write this in absolute horror at the suggestion of more housing at Herston.

My husband & I moved & settled in Swanage eleven years ago, with great joy that we could retire & enjoy with my family many years of country living. Prior to buying our new cottage we investigated thoroughly the environment & its suitability. Especially the fields opposite,

at first put together the enclosed package & with this we were overjoyed. The fields opposite were completely sacrosanct therefore the maximum traffic involved was that passed in & out of Swanage.

No through road as such & the lane opposite being unsuitable for heavy traffic confirmed the limitation.

When we were informed by the Purbeck Council that the preservation order (on the fields) was to be voided, we were shaken. My husband phoned the author of the notice. He was told when he queried was in for development, that the site was so unsuitable & no building would ever take place on that field.

Towards the end of 2001 or 2? the storms that year created a great problem for us. Each time there was a downpour the road outside the cottage flooded. Not ordinary flooding but so much so that the manhole covers lifted up on top of the water. We had a full year with sandbags on our doorstep.

Wonderfully a council took up our case & prior to the road resurfacing the alignment of the road was slightly altered to encourage the water over towards the lane & flood plain.

At this stage we had the most

allowing experience.

Over toilets both upstairs & downstairs rose to the surface when there was a flood & we couldn't flush them.

We were assured that air was pushing the water up - but we are still not convinced.

However due to the help of the councillor the road was slightly improved & the toilet problem solved with this.

Now to the point of this letter.

We were told the reasons were so old that they were unable to take the amount of water coming from all objections into them. That was the universal opinion. That they could not be replaced due to the fact not only of cost, but that of swanage being almost an idle & the road with single access to it could not be closed.

For the past two or three years we have experienced still on heavy rains a great deal of water.

4/ collecting outside the cottage. Traffic going through it throws some all over front including lounge window & with force over the front door.

So much so, we are having our front door replaced. The sound of this at times is too loud. Jewels on the floor stop being put into cottage.

I have held this without causing a nuisance till now. However now I will begin to shout, no way are we having more of this.

We find it appalling that even the suggestion of more housing, more road, more demand, more traffic, more build up for roads, & so on - is even being considered.

What on earth are you contemplating. There is hardly a space for traffic in the High Street or even over the narrow bridge to Victoria Ave.

The most important thing however that swanage has is its beauty. That would be lost. Please save our fields.

It is a only place on level to walk. Being in the country but having no place to walk would be heart-breaking.

Sincerely yours,

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Purbeck District Council
Community Services Directorate
28 JUL 2010
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Horizon
High Street,
Swanage,
Dorset,
BH9 2NP
25-7-10

Dear Sir/Madam,

I feel I must write and object strongly to the proposed buildings on Naseton Fields. It is such a wonderful view to people coming to our lovely town, so many remark on its beauty. We will have lost our green fields if it isn't stopped now. These fields are used regularly for walking and recreation, they are also a flood plane other sites are not.

The health centre is also in an ideal position in the town centre close to the Buses.

Yours sincerely,

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4 HILLS ROAD • STEYNING • WEST SUSSEX • BN44 3QG

29 July 2010

Planning Services
Purbeck D.C.
Westport House
Worgret Road
Wareham
BH20 4PP



Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the Herston fields development. I was brought up in Swanage and my mother still lives there. I believe that this development is inappropriate because:

- The area is very beautiful and this development would hide that beauty from people who are entering the town. Swanage is dependent on tourism and if the first thing people see is a modern housing development they will be given entirely the wrong impression of the town.
- The site is unsuitable. It regularly floods. On many occasions after floods the government has wrung its hands and said that development will not take place where floods are likely so why is this site being developed?
- There are more discrete and suitable places for this. The old Grammar School is falling to pieces and needs to be demolished. That site would be ideal for housing and the hospital.

I do hope that the council sees sense and refuses permission for this damaging property development.

Faithfully,

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M D Tomes

20, Redcliffe Road,
Swanage,
Dorset
BH19 1NE

Councillor David Budd,
Leader of Purbeck District Council,
Westport House,
Worgret Road,
Wareham
BH20 4PP

7th September 2010

Dear Councillor Budd,

Where shall we build in Swanage 2012-2026?

When I first saw that Site B was one of the preferred options of Purbeck District Council for new housing in Swanage, I could hardly believe it, so preposterous a choice does it seem to me. My first thought was that it must all be a matter of tactics, *i.e.*, that the Council was deliberately expressing a (false) preference for the most objectionable site of the four, with a view to manipulating local opinion into positively welcoming development of the other three sites instead. Even now, I am not entirely sure that this is not the case. If it is indeed a tactic of this kind, it is fair to say that it is working.

(Maybe you will think me unduly cynical and suspicious where the planning department of Purbeck District Council is concerned. Unfortunately, it has incurred my cynicism and suspicion by the way in which it removed Herston Fields from the Herston Conservation Area, denied that this signified any intention to build on the land, and then proposed this development. Such a sequence of events should be a source of embarrassment – to put it no more strongly – to any honourable person associated with Purbeck District planning.)

I am moved to write this letter, however, by anxiety that the Council's preference for Site B could conceivably be sincere, even though severely misguided. Why is it misguided? To state the obvious, Swanage is a resort. Its economy depends of attracting visitors. Its needs therefore to keep itself attractive. Most visitors arrive by motor vehicle via the Valley Road and the upper High Street. On passing the 'Welcome to Swanage' sign, they first see the Greysed Estate on the right. Whatever the social and economic benefits of building that housing in the 1940s and 1950s, it cannot honestly be said to have contributed to the beauty of the scene. Then the eyes of the visitors are drawn left and their initially unfavourable impression of Swanage is powerfully counter-acted. They see the open farmland stretching across to Ballard Down, Round Down, and Godlingston Hill. This view crucially informs them that Swanage is a resort that combines the attractions of the seaside with those of the English countryside, and this combination is essential to the town's particular tourist appeal

(especially nowadays, when so many wanting simply sea, sand, and sunshine are far more likely to seek it abroad). The development of Herston Fields would greatly diminish the impact of this view, if it did not obscure it entirely. The visitors' initial impressions of the town would be dramatically less favourable as a result. The whole mood of people entering Swanage would be adversely affected, and, in a tourist town especially, mood matters.

I simply cannot understand how Site B has been rated amber in respect of landscape and townscape in the traffic light system of assessment. Perhaps this bizarre judgement arises from planners looking simply at maps and planning textbooks, rather than at the site itself. The very asymmetry of the townscape at Herston is what lends the place its character.

All the other proposed sites for housing seem to me preferable to this one. The planners are no doubt upholding the textbook rules when they object that building on Site A would undesirably efface the distinction between Swanage and Langton Matravers. In reality, however, the planners sold the pass on this decades ago, when the Greyseed Estate was built. The 'filling in' of Site A is not so very significant in comparison. Development of Sites C and D would also be far less damaging to the overall image and atmosphere of Swanage than development of Site B. I live in New Swanage, please note, so my objection to building on Herston Fields cannot be dismissed as 'nimbyism.'

There is a further political point that I wish to make. You have been active in local politics in this area long enough to know very well that, despite the re-organisation being half a lifetime ago, Swanage has been very slow to identify with Purbeck District Council, which has consequently struggled to win affection or respect in the town. It has been widely regarded, however unfairly, as 'Wareham,' *i.e.*, as 'them' and not 'us.' This situation has not been good for Swanage or Purbeck District, and I hope and believe that the passage of time is diminishing old antagonisms. However, if Purbeck District Council decides to go ahead with housing development on this sensitive site in defiance of so strong a strand of opinion in the town, it is sure to give fresh impetus to the belief that Purbeck District Council is a hostile 'outsider' body, the bulk of whose members have neither adequate knowledge of Swanage nor sympathy with it. Relations between Purbeck District Council and the people of Swanage will suffer a serious setback. I urge the Council to bear this in mind.

Yours sincerely,

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Jason Tomes

Tulley, G

This is the MS Word version of the questionnaire contained in the consultation document, 'where shall we build in Swanage and Corfe Castle 2012-2026?'

Please copy and paste the tick and move to the boxes you choose ✓

What is your postcode? BH20 5HE.....

1. The Preferred Option is:

100 dwellings (50 affordable) on Site B with potential for new community facilities, better access to the countryside and new allotments. Nothing is decided yet but the community facilities might include: an integrated community hospital/health centre (with public meeting rooms), elderly care home and ambulance station.

And

100 dwellings (50 affordable) on site D with potential improvements to sports and recreation facilities, e.g. improvements to Swanage Town and Herston Football Club ground, all weather pitch etc., or provision of a new link road between Ulwell Road and Northbrook Road.

Or

The Alternative Option is:

200 dwellings (100 affordable) and community facilities on a different combination of Sites A, B, C and D

Which option do you prefer or is there a different option?
(Please tick only one)

Preferred Option

Alternative Option Please choose two or more from A, B, C and D

Other (Please comment where below)

Comments

2. The following have been identified as community benefits that could potentially be delivered with new housing. Which of these do you agree with or are there any others you would like in Swanage?
(Please tick all that apply)

Integrated community hospital/health centre

- Elderly care home
- New ambulance station
- Better access to the countryside to the west
- New allotments
- Improvements to Swanage Town and Herston Football Club ground
- All weather pitch
- New sports hall
- New link road between Ulwell Road and Northbrook Road
- Other (Please comment below)

Comments

3. Providing a suitable site can be found, should 30 dwellings (15 affordable) be built in Corfe Castle up to 2026, as requested by Corfe Castle Parish Council?

- Yes No No comment
 (Please provide any comments below)

Comments

For the reasons set out below we are unable at this stage to tick any of the boxes above, but set out our comments and observations.

In the Core Strategy (September 2009), the Preferred Option and indeed both alternative options, gave the same housing requirement for Corfe Castle, namely 12 dwellings over 2006 – 2026, of which 8 had been provided and thus there was a need for 4 additional dwellings over the plan period.

We note that in the Parish Council's submission to the Core Strategy (September 2009), the Parish raised concern over the.... *"apparently limited opportunities for housing construction within the village"*... but gave no figure as to what a target should be. Given the Core Strategy Preferred Option figure of 12 new units was based on a considerable evidence base, we would now wish to understand what the updated evidence base is for the raised target of 30 dwellings (15 open market and 15 affordable).

We would also wish to know whether the 30 units includes the 8 already provided and thus whether the target is 22 or 30?

In the July 2010 SHLAA there appears is no site capable of accommodating 22-30 new homes in Corfe Castle. In this regard, we need to know what work has been undertaken to identify "a suitable site" and whether the 30 units would be provided on one site (which would imply a significant land release) or whether the District Council will maintain its Core Strategy position of only allowing infilling in Corfe Castle?

Without answers to the above it is impossible at this stage to give an informed view or "in principle" answer to Question 3 posed by the District Council, for the following reasons:

- the evidence base for the new housing numbers is not given and/or is not in the public domain
- without a suitable site/sites having been identified and consulted on there is no way of assessing what the impact maybe on the existing community and environment
- If there is no suitable, available and viable site, then the higher target could not be delivered and thus this part of the plan would be unsound.

In short government guidance requires local authorities when making plans to consult on realistic and deliverable options, but the public have not been provided with sufficient information to assess whether the Question 3 "proposal" is either realistic or deliverable. We look forward to receiving the necessary information from you and commenting further in due course.

Thank you for taking you time to comment. Please add your details if you would like to be kept informed of the Core Strategy.

Name : Graeme and Giulia Tulley

Address : 104 West Street, Corfe Castle, Dorset, BH20 5HE

Email address : graemetulley@yahoo.co.uk

Please save the document after you have completed it and email it as an attachment to ldf@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

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23 SEP 2010
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Hillview
4, Anvil Close,
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 2SW

16th September 2010

Dear Mr Ding,

Regarding the proposed development
of Herston Fields.

We strongly object to any development
on Herston Fields for several reasons.

For residents and visitors alike it will blight
the beautiful entrance to Swanage and destroy
the rural landscape.

It will destroy the recreational facilities e.g. walkers
and dog walkers.

It will destroy the natural habitats of a range of wildlife.

It will increase traffic and noise.

It is an unsuitable site with regard to geology and flood risk.
We trust that you will give careful consideration to the above points
and keep Herston Fields rural for future generations to enjoy.

Yours Sincerely,

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180 HIGH ST
SWANAGE BH19 2PQ
14th Sept 2010

Dear Mr Dring,

I wish to register my strong objection to any building on the Herston Fields.

Any development there would blight for ever the entrance into Swanage and the views across country to the Purbeck Hills for which the town is so justly famed, for visitors and residents alike.

The fields are an important recreational resource for the inhabitants young and old of Herston for quiet country walks across the grass, often with their dogs, perhaps across the fields to Herston Bridge and Washpond Lane, and they would make an ideal village common, as I remember when there was a circus there every year.

Since 22nd July I have been recording plant species there and have already found 84 plants in the South field and 98 in the North, also badger, willow warbler, hedge sparrow, magpie, herring gull, robin, great tit, blackbird, sparrow and crow. Butterflies included Large White, Speckled Wood, Common Blue, Skipper, Small Copper and Meadow Brown.

I am also against any expansion towards Langton.

Yours sincerely

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Whitfield, M

24 Haulbury Rd
BRISTOL BS8 2EP

11th September 2010

Dear Sir,
We live in Bristol but try to come to our cottage, 5, Beulage Way, Herston, as often as we can, to an area we love and one of great beauty.

Although we live in a very built-up, Victorian, area of Bristol, Bristol is blessed with large areas ~ The Downs ~ which the city fathers bought for the citizens of Bristol to enjoy in perpetuity. These are grassy areas.

It involves a tree where we can walk (with dogs), fly kites, say sports, run and picnic on. These generations of people living in Bristol are a million times as grateful for this provision.

It would be wonderful if Herston could be allowed Area of Outstanding Beauty ^{status} and the scope of drainage allowed to use this beautiful space.

We have been living here since 1977 & walking our dogs here ~ usually wearing Wellington boots while walking in Herston fields ~ a permanent, very wet area ~ a pond which sometimes ~~is~~ ^{is} more of a lake!

'ming to Swange I always feel it
is a beautiful "entrance"
deserve funds, Godlingstone Hill &
The M&L Partnership always have
their building most attractive, &
the old cottages. The large,
white-ish, aircraft hangar-like building
in the small industrial site does
rather spoil the view, but it is
nearly disappearing behind trees.

I do hope the Council will realise
^(Lipson fields)
this is a most suitable area
for development. Please consider
carefully.

Yours sincerely,

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Whitfield, M

5 Benleaze Way
Swanage
BH19 2SS

28 June 2010



Dear Sirs

Re Where shall we build in Swanage and Corfe Castle 2012-2026?

Thanks you for your consultation document which we are returning – but thought we would add some comments.

We are grateful for the opportunity of commenting on your plans about new development in Swanage. We would like to strongly object to your preferred option of building on **site B** for the following reasons:

- This is a site of outstanding natural beauty and new modern buildings, placed between a row of largely nineteenth century buildings and the beautiful hillside will destroy this attractive rural area.
- The meadow, on which it is planned to build, is often flooded and is likely to be difficult to build on.
- We are concerned about the suggestion that we need houses as it is difficult to see what jobs are available for people who would be expected to inhabit these houses. Roads in and out of Swanage are already congested and increasing the population as suggested, will only add to this congestion as many will have to find occupation outside the area of the town.
- The idea that a hospital and health centre be built on the site surprises us as Swanage already has excellent facilities in the centre of the town, that are very convenient for public transport. The hospital has land for expansion and increased cooperation between the staff in both the health centre and hospital would greatly improve what is already there, without the increased expense of building new health facilities.

Our main objection is that you do not appear to maximising the use of the brownfield site D for housing – if you really believe it is necessary to have increased affordable housing.

Yours sincerely

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M. J. WHITFIELD

T. Wiggins,
Flat 6, 20, Burlington Rd,
Swanage
BH19 1LS.

26.07.2010

Development and Building Control,
Westport House,
Worgret Rd.
Wareham,
BH 20 4PP.



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the building of 200 new houses and associated infra structure in Swanage up to 2026 as part of the Core strategy for Purbeck.

1. It seems unbelievable that this is being pushed through after 15 years of 'free for all' infill building in Swanage supposedly in an attempt to save the green spaces and not allow sprawl to envelop the Purbeck landscape which is so highly prized. During this frenzy, we lost numerous important sites and buildings to the bulldozers in favour of ugly blocks of flats. The PDC and the Swanage Town Council rarely helped the local community of Swanage to fight this pointless rape of our town. Pointless, because as we now see the development of the surrounding countryside is about to begin anyway. So we lose on both counts ; our town is more densely developed and it will now grow into the countryside. In the light of this, it seems unbelievable that one councillor suggested to me that these 200 new houses had to happen in order to prevent developers from building wherever they wanted. I was under the assumption that they did that anyway. I was, once upon a time, under the assumption that planning laws could prevent unwanted and unsuitable building, not secret deals and back scratching. Apparently not!
2. Herston Fields. This area of land is doing its job well. It currently is still farmed and remains as open country on the doorstep of Herston. It currently acts as a buffer to the very beautiful and useful open country of fields and hedges further up washpond lane, towards Knitson and Godlingston. This area, including the Herston Fields, is rich in numerous ways and was until the PDC decided on their plan, protected under one or several of the schemes that abound in Purbeck. I haven't the time to find exactly which, but it will probably have been SSSI or AONB. You will know. This area is riddled with archaeology and is part of an ancient landscape. I have no doubt that it also has important wildlife and habitat value. It is just another cynical act by the PDC to quietly remove its protected status just before the plans are announced. Did anyone receive notice that this was to happen. I wonder about the legality of such an act.
3. There is an iconic view as you drive, cycle or walk into Swanage that will be totally obscured by development. The loss of habitat and farm land (until recently protected and of intrinsic

value to the area). Of course the effects are far more reaching when a sudden increase in population in this unsuitable location occurs. This will be felt in every direction for some distance - Light pollution, noise, traffic, litter effecting wildlife, degradation of the adjacent farm land by over use for recreation, dog walking, etc. and its new proximity to development. This site is unsuitable as it sits in part on the flood plain, it will displace water which might flood existing houses, farmland and habitat. It is going to utterly change the character of the area and washpond Lane, it is going to utterly change the character of Herston.

4. We do not need 100 affordable houses AND 100 UNAFFORDABLE in order to placate greedy developers. The PDC should not bow to their pressure to build for obscene profit at the expense of our environment. I know that most local people feel very strongly as I do, that this is OUR HOME, not yours and certainly not the developers. You serve us and not the developers.
5. The new government has scrapped the top down approach to housing numbers and so this idea that the previously agreed numbers must be kept, is no longer a valid argument. Please listen to the local people who live here and reduce the numbers and scrap the idea that we have to have 'Luxury Executive Town Houses' for wealthy city folk to move into.
6. The percentage of Purbeck housing that falls into the categories of holiday home, second home, retirement home, city 'downshift' home ... etc. is way past a healthy balance. WE DO NOT NEED TO BUILD MORE OF THE SAME and have them filled up by incoming population of the type mentioned above. Therefore, we only need the 100 affordable that should remain as rented council housing and this way remain largely for the local people.
7. The Grammar school site. This site needs development and should either be returned to use as a school or if it is housing then the existing building MUST be kept. It would make for some fantastic flats and retain the character of this site. However I believe that the site should be used for a new school. If housing does accompany the School building it must be 'affordable' only. I also think that whichever development occurs on this site, it must not go beyond Northbrook Road as this is a buffer to open country and should be retained.
8. I believe that the key to resolving this is to reduce the size of any proposed development and up the percentage of affordable housing. Please understand that this is a rural, coastal area and that local people want to retain its rural nature. You cannot blame people for feeling that enough is enough when it comes to these plans for urbanizing our home.

Yours sincerely,

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T M Wiggins

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MRS MR H. WILLIAMS
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the scale mentioned equal them out all over Purbeck. The Grammar School should be used as a school or for a sports centre with a good sized pool. As the people in Swanage do not have to travel the 10 miles into Wareham, for a town that contributes most of the Councils revenue we have very little in the way of recreation. We have to share our town with visitors which doubles our population to 23,000 for a large part of the year. We think that the priority is to get the younger generation into the workplace so that they could afford their own homes thus generating money to spend in their own environment.

Yours sincerely

Sinnatira Ramnar

P.S.

Get rid of that expense of asbestos in Dunsford football pitch would be nice to it replaced,

Dear Sir, Madam,

When we moved here in 1992 the population was I believe about 8,000, we had quite a decent assortment of shops and various care homes. In 2010 the population has grown to 11,500, a lot of the shops have gone as have the care homes, there are empty houses everywhere so why do we need any more. We think that Swanage has done its bit of growing as just lease it alone before it out grows itself. Most people preferred it better in the nineties. If you need to build houses on the