

West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan Examination

Examination Statement of Grainger plc (part of the North Dorchester Consortium)

MATTER 2: Introduction

- 2.1 *Do the Visions and Objectives for the two authorities identify key aspirations and represent reasonable goals consistent with community aspirations*
- 2.1.1 The West Dorset Community Plan 2010-2016 identifies the following local priorities most in need of improvement (in order of need):
1. Affordable, decent housing
 2. Activities for teenagers
 3. Road and pavement repairs
 4. Public transport
 5. The level of traffic congestion
 6. Job prospects
 7. Wage levels and local cost of living
 8. Clean streets
 9. Facilities for young children
 10. Shopping facilities
 11. The level of crime
 12. Sports and leisure facilities
 13. Community activities
 14. Cultural facilities (for example libraries, museums)
 15. Health services
 16. Parks and open spaces
 17. The level of pollution
 18. Education provision
 19. Access to nature
 20. Race relations
 21. Other
- 2.1.2 Key aims of the Community Plan include:
- Increase the amount of affordable housing across a range of tenures (including social, rented, shared ownership), especially to support and encourage young people to live in the area
 - Direct new housing provision – affordable and market – to meet local need or where it can help provide a better balance of homes and jobs for all ages
 - Reduce the need to travel by providing jobs and services close to

homes or to places which are accessible by other means of transport to the car.

- Support a broad range of business types though by retaining and developing business parks and industrial estates, mixed use development and other opportunities for employment

2.1.3 Whilst the Strategic Objectives of the Local Plan generally align with community priorities we suggest that there has been inadequate emphasis paid to:

- Providing a better balance of homes and jobs for all ages
- Supporting and encouraging young people to live in the area
- Supporting a broad range of business types by developing new business parks and industrial estates, mixed-use development and other opportunities for employment.