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Part 1: personal details

1 Are you responding on behalf of yourself or for someone else?

I'm responding on behalf of myself

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Part 2: your representation

8 Please write your comments / representation in the box below

Comments:

I am objecting because the section on Community Facilities starting at page 55 should:
(1) at the very least, add public houses to the list of Community Facilities; and preferably:
(2) contain a policy similar to that in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan Policy W53:
"Public Houses 1. Development proposals that involve the loss of a public house with heritage, cultural, economic, or social value must demonstrate that its use as a public house is unviable, and its retention has been fully explored. Any change of use application should be accompanied by authoritative evidence of continued marketing over at least a 12-month period and no market interest in the building as a public house forthcoming, nor interest from local communities for the space to be used for alternative community uses. 2. The loss of part of a public house, including cellar space, car parking or other facilities complementary to its operation as a public house, will be resisted where it would adversely affect such operation. 3. Development proposals having an adverse impact on the existing operation and/or viability of a public house will be strongly resisted.'" and/or
(3) reflect Policy UMV of the Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan, Dorset Council's Policy COM 3, and Section 93 of the National Planning Policy Framework December 2024 ("NPPF") which requires local planning authorities to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities where they would reduce the community's ability to meet its needs.
The current plan seems to make no reference to the protection and encouragement of pubs despite it being recognised at national and local planning levels that public houses contribute to the wellbeing, finances and social cohesion of communities, for many reasons including:
• Providing somewhere for people to meet and socialise
• Supporting the local economy through employment of staff and purchases from local businesses
• Offering meeting places for clubs, societies and charities.
This omission should be rectified now.

9 Would you like to attach a file in relation to your response?

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10 Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to 'make' or refuse to 'make' the neighbourhood plan at the Regulation 19 stage?

Yes