BRPC Comments on Dorset Council Regulation 16 response

These comments come from the QB and have not been endorsed by Dorset Council.

Having reviewed Dorset Council's response with the BRPC, the QB would like to make the following points:

1. **LGS Area 2.** The SG agrees with Dorset Council that the car park should not be included within the LGS boundary for Area 2 and would like to propose this amendment to the examiner. The QB also propose the following amendments to the wording of Area 2, Appendix 1:

   "Shared green space associated with housing estate. The eastern area has unobstructed views of the nearby church. As well as providing a green area amongst the built environment which provides recreational and amenity benefits, this site prevents any further encroachment of development around the medieval St John's Church – a site of historic interest."

   [Amend maps accordingly]

2. **LGS Area 3.** In line with Dorset Council's comments, the QB proposes the following amended wording to paras 5.19 - 5.22 of the NDP:

   "5.19 Locally important areas of open green space were identified in the made Neighbourhood Plan as areas of Local Green Space. This was to protect and enhance existing green infrastructure in the area and the riverine environment to ensure that it maximises its benefit to the environment and people of the parish. This Neighbourhood Plan Review redesignates these sites, making updates where appropriate, to ensure that they continue to enjoy the appropriate protections.

   5.20 The National Planning Policy Framework states that development on Local Green Spaces should not normally be approved if it would harm their reason for designation. Future development will not normally be permitted on such areas, except small-scale facilities for sport, leisure and assembly, where such facilities cannot be provided elsewhere, and there is a proven need for such facilities in the area.

   5.21 The NPPF states that, for land to be designated as Local Green Space, it must meet a number of specific criteria and must be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. As such, given the sites have already been deemed acceptable for the designation as part of the original Neighbourhood Plan, they are already suitable. However a number of updates have been made to the evidence base where relevant to confirm this. This includes the removal of car park land from LGS Areas 2 and 3.

   5.22 Areas of existing and proposed open space are listed at Appendix 1 together with justification for them being considered as Local Green Space."

3. **Site boundary for Policy BR1a 'Back Lane'.** The removal of the southern spur from Policy BR1a boundary was likely an error made when redrawing the boundary to reflect changes to the west. As such, BRPC agrees to the re-inclusion of the southern spur land into the Policy BR1a boundary.

4. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy officer comments.** BRPC agrees to the inclusion of the officer's comments as it will help local decision-making. This includes the comments regarding Area 1, Area 2 of Appendix 1.