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Submitted to Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan 2021 to 2038

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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

2 What is your name?

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Part 2: your representation

8 Please write your comments / representation in the box below

Comments:

OBJECTION to Policy W23A Lodmoor Old Tip North (page 103) - Industrial Use

The policy states that "The development is required to comply with all the Neighbourhood Plan policies."

However, expanding the boundaries of the site, the core of which contains a water pumping station, rising sewer main and a small storage area, and its development as an industrial site would be contrary to the following Neighbourhood Plan Policies:

~ Policy W02 Conservation of the Natural Environment:

"Areas of benefit to nature... must be retained & protected from detrimental impacts likely to arise from development "

~ Policy W03 Wildlife Habitats and Areas:

This emphasises the need to protect existing habitats.

~ Policy W04 Wildlife Corridors:

"2. Proposals should demonstrate they take the opportunity to enhance & extend the network of wildlife corridors"

The site in question is identified on Map 6 [Network of Ecological Sites and Wildlife Corridors] as a wildlife corridor and on Map 8 [Ecological Networks Existing and Higher Potential] as having existing & higher potential.

~ Policy W07 Rights of Way & Access to the Countryside:

"1. Rights of way and other non-vehicular public access routes should be protected." None of the document maps show that the path from Weymouth Bay Avenue through the proposed site is part of the Dorset Cycle Network, a route upgraded and resurfaced in recent years. As a pedestrian access it has been in use for decades (40 years to my personal knowledge) Any further industrial development would interfere with the safe passage of cyclists and pedestrians and restrict access to the well-used network of paths across Lodmoor. These provide safe routes to the communities of Preston & Littlemoor.

The land to the north west and south of the existing “industrial site” (ie the unpaved track bounded by the storage area and the water pumping station) is a combination of marshy areas and thick native vegetation full of wildlife. It proves its designation as a recognised wildlife corridor to anyone walking through it as it rings with birdsong all year round. It also plays its part in flood alleviation, being on the edges of inland waterways identified on Map 14.

The strict criteria for development laid out on page 103 confirm that building of any kind would be economically, ecologically and environmentally unfeasible. In addition, the aim to “support new employment uses in suitable locations” would not be met on this site at the end of a long residential road unsuitable for increased vehicular traffic.

The existing and infrequent “industrial” use of the core of the site has worked in relative harmony with the community but the proposed intensification would have a detrimental effect on wildlife, greenspace, & local communities’ health & wellbeing .

Policy W23A is contrary to Weymouth Town Council’s stated aim that environmental sustainability underpins their Neighbourhood Plan, and I register my objection to it.

Dinah Ellis

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

File upload:

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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



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Weymouth Rugby Pitch

Andrews Avenue

Weymouth Avenue

Teeling Road

Symonds Close

Weymouth Bay Avenue

Weymouth Avenue

Legend



Closed Rights of Way

No features in view

Cycleway Network

All features (8)

Rights of Way

Footpath (1)

Legends are not shown for: