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To Dorset Council
Re Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan

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I am in support of some aspects of the Plan especially the supply of more much needed homes for people to live in and not for second home investment. I am very keen, being an active member of the Friends of Lodmoor Country Park, that our green spaces are preserved for leisure, to enjoy our heritage and preserve our environment. I am a non car user so appreciate the very good network of cycle and pathways and would support more. I would also like to see more local non "MacJobs".

But I am very unhappy and concerned about areas 9.83, 9.84, 9.87 in particular, areas I know well. This is essentially a residential area with an established road network which is often congested with (too many) vehicles. Extra traffic jeopardises access, safety etc and there are environmental pollution concerns. We are fortunate to have green spaces and the nature reserves alongside the flood risk area and old landfill sites. These latter areas are unsuitable for development and raise potential risks to residents, wildlife and our coastal heritage. Resources have been invested locally resulting in extensive cycle and footpaths. I understand the Weymouth Gateway site had once been earmarked for light industry but this did not come to fruition, suggesting there was little demand.

To deal with contaminated land, a sewage pumping station, narrow roads, consideration for quality of life, loss of green space, threat to wildlife would be a huge financial commitment at a time of austerity so I oppose these aspects of the Plan.

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