

## **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan Examination**

The Town Council has already submitted comments to DCC on the draft Waste Plan following meetings of its Planning and Environment Committee on 21 September 2015, 6 June 2016 and 8 January 2018. Following contact from the Examination's Programme Officer regarding the Examination of the Plan, the Town Council wishes to submit supplementary comments as agreed at its Planning and Environment Committee on 4 June 2018:

The Town Council has serious concerns about the allocation of site WD07, Loudsmill as the Household Recycling Centre for Dorchester and although the Inspector has not included consideration of this site in his Matters, Issues and Questions, the Town Council believes that their concerns about the site link to Matter 5 – Development Management: Policy 12 – Transport and Access and Policy 13 – Amenity and Quality of Life.

Points for consideration:

- In view of the concerns raised below, Dorchester Town Councillors request that, if this has not already been undertaken, the Waste Plan Inspector undertakes a site visit of WD07 Loudsmill, Dorchester.
- Although WD07 is not immediately adjacent to a residential area, the existing and new access roads do lead along residential roads. This area has a high proportion of family homes and there is also a youth club and a sheltered housing development adjoining the road.
- Since the Waste Plan was drafted, additional residential developments have been approved by the local planning authority along the access road.
- The access road is privately owned and is substandard for the volumes of traffic currently using the existing household recycling centre and adjoining businesses. It is not wide enough for two-way traffic in several places and the surfacing is inadequate for the types of traffic, both household and commercial, using it. As the road is privately owned it is likely to be out of DCC's control to bring it up to the standard of public highway. This situation will be exacerbated if there is an increase in numbers using the household recycling centre which is likely with the finalising of the Poundbury Development and the proposed major allocation of 3,500 new dwellings, immediately to the north of Dorchester, in West Dorset District Council's reviewed Local Plan.
- The restrictions of the access roads (both in terms of width and capacity) cause lengthy queues into the site causing air pollution and access problems for the businesses who also operate along the road.
- The new access road to the existing (and proposed) household recycling centre runs parallel and close to the River Frome (SSSI) and a public right of way and there are concerns about air and water pollution, and the impact on the natural environment, resulting from traffic exhausts and leachate from commercial vehicles, especially as waste is taken away in large skips from the Recycling Centre.
- The area of land between the River Frome and the access road and immediately adjacent to the access road is treated as a public amenity and recreation area, maintained in part by the Town Council, with seating and allotments and this has recently been enhanced, including tree planting, as part of the planning approval for the Red Cow Farm development along the access road.
- Planning and Environment Committee members understand that West Dorset District Council may have now identified a site for use as a household recycling centre within one of its preferred option sites (DOR 15) from its reviewed Local Plan, due to be consulted on from August 2018. This will be in the vicinity of site WD05 – Land at Stinsford Hill. The Committee ask that the status of this site be clarified and that further detailed consideration be given to allocating this as the household recycling centre site for Dorchester.