

Part B – Representations

Please answer as many questions or as few questions as you wish. There is a box at the end of the form where you can provide any comments that you may have.

Housing

1. Do you consider that a housing need figure of 366 dwellings a year is an appropriate figure on which to plan for housing growth in North Dorset? If not, please set out what you consider to be an appropriate figure and provide reasons for this.

Yes

No

The blanket figure of 366 for the whole of North Dorset (even if this is correct given the almost daily expansion of the new national housing requirement) is wholly inappropriate. Each area selected for new housing must be chosen on the basis of: available work opportunities, schooling, public transport provision and facilities, convenience of access and movement for not only new residents but existing also, reliability and availability of infrastructure facilities - private transport road and parking requirements, electricity, gas, fuel oil, water, drainage, sewage, web availability to acceptable national standard, etc, etc, etc.

Iwerne Minster is my village, but is not untypical of many, many others. IM is not ideal in any of the above respects as you will know. It has also a dangerous national highway(A350) routed through the heart of the village and for most of its streets - including parts of the A350 - there is no pedestrian pavement nor street lighting - these are not sought after but I wanted to set the stage. Policing is non-existent, and laughable in its response to crime; few crimes seem to receive justice even that of the murder of my hairdresser in Blandford was majorly compromised by police incompetence.

I could go on, and on, and on, as I have done in writing often. But here I confine my relevant comments to the A350 corridor and what I think can and should be done - see 29 below.

Employment

2. Do you consider that additional employment land should be allocated for development at Blandford as part of the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

3. Do you consider that there is a need to allocate additional employment land in any other part(s) of the District?

Yes

No

Spatial Strategy

4. Do you consider that the existing spatial strategy, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to allow for some limited growth at Stalbridge, beyond just meeting local needs?

Yes

No

5. Do you think that the Council should consider implementing any other alternative spatial strategy through the LPR? If so, please explain your reasons why.

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out your alternative spatial strategy and provide reasoning to support it.

Blandford (Forum and St Mary)

6. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Blandford?

Yes

No

7. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

8. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Blandford?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Gillingham

9. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Gillingham?

Yes

No

10. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

11. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Gillingham?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Shaftesbury

12. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Shaftesbury?

Yes

No

13. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

14. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Shaftesbury?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Sturminster Newton

15. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Sturminster Newton?

Yes

No

16. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

17. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Sturminster Newton?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Stalbridge

18. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Stalbridge?

Yes

No

19. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

20. What are the most important infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Stalbridge?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

The Villages

21. Do you agree with the Council's proposed approach in relation to future development at the eighteen larger villages within the District or do you think that the Council should consider an alternative approach?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'No' please set out your alternative approach and information/reasoning behind this.

Affordable Housing

22. Do you consider that the existing reference to nine dwellings in Policy 9 of LPP1 should be removed from the policy to allow larger schemes to come forward where there is evidence of local need in excess of that which could be met by the provision of nine dwellings?

Yes

No

23. Do you consider that the existing policy approach, which seeks to prevent exception sites coming forward adjacent to the four main towns within the District, should be amended?

Yes

No

24. Do you consider that the Council should continue with its existing policy approach, which allows for a small number of market homes on rural exception sites?

Yes

No

Self-Build and Custom-Build Housing

25. Do you consider that the Council should facilitate the provision of self-build housing by any, some, or all of the following options?

Yes

No

a. Allowing serviced plots to come forward under the current development plan policies.

Yes

No

b. Updating Policy 7 (Delivering Homes) in the Local Plan Part 1 to promote the provision of serviced plots of land for self-build housing.

Yes

No

c. Requiring on sites above a certain size that serviced self-build plots should be made available as a proportion of the total number of dwellings permitted (with or without a minimum number being specified) on-site.

Yes

No

d. Allowing a proportion (up to 100%) of self-build plots on exception sites (with controls over the resale value of the properties).

Yes

No

e. Identifying land in public ownership which would be sold only for self-build development.

Yes

No

f. The use of Local Development Orders to facilitate self-build development.

Yes

No

26. Are there any other approaches that could be used to meet the demand for self-build housing?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please outline the other approaches which the Council could pursue.

Ensuring the Vitality and Viability of Town Centres

27. Do you consider that the existing hierarchy and network of centres, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to include Stalbridge as a 'local centre'?

Yes

No

Important Open or Wooded Areas (IOWAs)

28. Do you agree that those IOWAs, which are protected from development by other planning policies or legislation, should be deleted?

Yes

No

The A350 Corridor

29. Do you consider that the land which is identified and safeguarded for the Shaftesbury Outer Bypass and the Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury Bypass should continue to be identified and safeguarded for such purposes?

Yes

No

Comments

If you have any comments about the Issues and Options Document or the Sustainability

I have attempted to find details of the A350 corridor and the reserved route as it affects the Blandford to Shaftesbury stretch and villages in between and either side. I regret to say these attempts have not been successful.

I know the road as well as any other village resident subject to its dangers. Having thought about it now for years, it seems to me that there is really only one satisfactory solution and that is to reinstate the now disused Dorset and Somerset railway link from Poole through to Birmingham and beyond. This, coupled with Orders made under Act of Parliament requiring heavy loads to be carried by rail, would greatly reduce the present dangers and threats provided by this road. This could be done virtually immediately:

- 1) The track bed is already established and compacted throughout
- 2) It is likely that the original wayleaves for the route still exist and remain legal
- 3) An Act of Parliament would be required to re-establish the route
- 4) Compulsory purchase would be required for those properties that have encroached on the alignment
- 5) Sustrans would have to give up their present track possession
- 6) Dual track would be required for a high speed / high frequency electric service to be maintained
- 7) Some additional civil engineering works would be necessary and reinstatement of lost facilities
- 8) The priority must be for commercial / goods traffic, but interspersed with passenger services
- 9) It is not likely that the capital cost would be more than £1million per mile - perhaps £200m in total

The government allocation of funds is dubious at best. No figure is mentioned nor how many 'rural bypasses' are contemplated. It seems unlikely that a bypass - bypassing all the town and villages affected - would cost as little or could be wholly funded by such scheme.

The NDDC should step up to the plate on this and accept the challenges. Rail would provide a permanent solution to the ever expanding heavy haulage traffic with which we are blighted.

Appraisal please set them out in the box below. If your comments are in relation to a specific question or chapter of the Issues and Options Document then please state which question or chapter your comments relate to.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Do you wish to be contacted about future consultations relating to the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

Signature: _____

Date: January 22, 2018

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