

Representation on North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026

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These comments relate to the 'soundness' of the draft Local Plan
Sect 6, Supporting Economic Development

Homeworking

Homeworking is increasing, as working patterns change, IT infrastructure improves, and travel to work becomes more difficult with a reducing public transport network. It is therefore becoming an increasingly significant part of the way people work, alongside employment sites, tourism, etc. We suggest that homeworking needs to be recognised in policy terms as a significant part of the mix, albeit the actual control of homeworking is through existing planning legislation.

I suggest a paragraph be inserted, along the lines of: 'Homeworking is becoming an increasingly significant part of the way people work, particularly as work patterns change, IT infrastructure improves, and the public transport network reduces. It also reduces the need to travel, so contributing to sustainability. The Council supports the development of homeworking, subject to working within the constraints set by planning legislation such as Permitted Development Rights'.

Tourism infrastructure

In Para 6.34, some of the rural recreational opportunities such as the North Dorset Trailway and long distance footpaths are highlighted. However, under the countryside policies (Policies 29 to 32), the range of development opportunities is constrained to particular categories, for understandable reasons. This does not appear to allow development of infrastructure to support, for example, the North Dorset Trailway such as car parks and toilets, cycle hire facilities, if needed within the countryside area. I suggest this needs to be considered.

I do or do not want to participate in the oral part of the Inspector's examination.

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