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North Dorset Local Plan Part 1

Pre-submission Consultation 29 November 2013 to 24 January 2014

Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012)

Response Form

For each representation you wish to make a separate response form will need to be completed.

This is a formal consultation on the legal compliance and soundness of the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Inspector. For advice on how to respond to the consultation and fill in this form please see the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations' that can be found on the Council's website at www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy

Please return completed forms to:

Email: planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7LL

Alternatively you can submit your comments online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlan

Deadline: 5pm on 24 January 2014. Representations received after this time may not be accepted.

Part A – Personal details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. Representations cannot be treated in confidence as Regulation 22 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires copies of all representations to be made publically available. By submitting this response form on the pre-submission North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, but signatures, private telephone numbers and e-mail addresses or private addresses will not be visible on our web site, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the Inspector and available for inspection.

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

Personal Details (if applicable)*		Agent's Details (if applicable)*
Title	Dr	
First Name	Richard	
Last Name	Emms	
Job Title(<i>where relevant</i>)		
Organisation (<i>where relevant</i>)		
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Email Address		

Part B – Representation

The North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 and its supporting documents have been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Local Plan complies with the **legal requirements** and is **'sound'**.

If you are seeking to make a representation on the **way** in which documents have been prepared it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.

If you are seeking to make representations on the **content** of the documents it is likely that your comments or objections relate to the **soundness** of the plans and whether it is justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

Further information on the matter of legal compliance and the issue of soundness can be found in the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations'.

If you need help completing the response form please see a member of the Planning Policy Team at one of the consultation exhibitions or call 01258 484201.

1. Please select which document you are commenting on:

- North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 (please complete Questions 2 to 9)
- Final Sustainability Appraisal Report (please complete Questions 2 and 10)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (please complete Questions 2 and 10)

2. Please state the part of that document you are commenting on:

Paragraph number:	Policy/site:	Policies map:
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3. Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant and prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements?

- Yes No

4. Do you consider the Local Plan to be 'sound'?

- Yes No

5. If you consider the Local Plan to be unsound please specify your reason(s) by ticking the box(es) that apply below

- It has not been positively prepared
- It is not justified
- It is not effective
- It is not consistent with national policy

6. Please give specific details of why you consider the Local Plan has not been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal or procedural requirement or why you consider the plan to be unsound. Alternatively, if you wish to support any aspects of the plan please also use this box to set out your comments.

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We would like to express our concerns regarding the North Dorset Local Plan 2011-2026. Our experience to date, with the ongoing new build occurring in Shaftesbury, is that it has resulted in a significant increase in pressure on health care provision, and we now find ourselves to be at capacity. Further building without investment in the healthcare infrastructure is unacceptable. Our current premises are fully occupied and we have no option to expand on our current site; access and car parking are becoming a major issue. We have no funding to expand our current site or to fund a new build.

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7. What change(s) do you consider are necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound? It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Quite simply, healthcare funding and provision needs to be completely reconsidered. Adding significantly to the population of a town without providing for additional capacity in support services can only create an impossible situation. At the very least funding needs to be provided to support either additional capacity on the current site, building of a second branch surgery , or new premises.

8. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate in the oral examination

Yes, I would like to participate in the oral examination

9. If you wish to participate in the oral part of the examination please outline why you consider that to be necessary. Please note that the Inspector determines who is heard at the examination.

It is very difficult in the healthcare environment to concisely express the negative impact of this plan on current provision, in writing. Personal attendance to adequately explain the resulting issues is essential to full and accurate understanding of the situation. Healthcare is a complex environment and without suitable explanation it is easy to misunderstand the issues and impacts created by decisions taken at a distance.

10. Please outline your comments on the Final Sustainability Appraisal Report or Habitats Regulations Assessment. Comments are not confined to 'soundness' issues, but respondents can express their opinions on the above documents and use it as a reference point on the 'soundness' of the Local Plan.

11. Do you wish to be notified of any of the following? Please tick all that apply. We will contact you using the details you have given above.

- That the Local Plan Part 1 has been submitted for independent examination
- The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Part 1
- The adoption of the Local Plan Part 1.

Signature: _____

Date: 22/01/2014

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.

Submit Form

This button should attach your form to a pre-addressed email, if it does not, please save the form and send it to planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

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Dr Richard Emms

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There is also the issue of the percentage of social housing which has clearly increased since the original planning. This again puts further pressure on provision of care as these patients tend to have greater medical and associated needs. They often do not have transport and struggle to gain employment in such a rural and isolated area. This has a negative impact on their health which then results in high intensity need, both from health and social care.

Additionally, the land put aside from the last planning agreement lies derelict and will most likely be sold for further development. This has not benefited the local community in any way, shape, or form and there has not been any tangible employment for the local community from the plan so far.

In essence we are extremely unhappy with the plan. Without any dedicated financial provision for healthcare to support the additional patient burden which already exists, let alone the future increase, the services in Shaftesbury will come under intolerable strain. We also have concerns relating to the poor transport infrastructure around Shaftesbury and the negative health impact that this has, along with the lack of local employment opportunity, again creating a greater health need amongst the community.

None of these issues seem to have been considered within the plan other than for the Gillingham area. There is a great deal of development already happening in Shaftesbury and support services seem to have simply been ignored.