

Mr. VERNON KNAPPER
RESPONDENT ID No. 3076
Mid Hearing Statements

NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN 2011-2026/2031
PART 1

EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC
RESPONSE TO MID HEARING STATEMENTS BY NDDC

MHD007

ON BEHALF OF MR. VERNON KNAPPER

BY
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MHD007 The respondent welcomes NDDC's reappraisal of strategic policy for development in the countryside. The respondent supports the retention of settlement boundaries around Stalbridge and eighteen of the identified More Sustainable Villages (MSV).

826 dwellings spread across 19 settlements is however unlikely to do much to support a prosperous rural economy. An average of 43 dwellings per settlement spread over 20 years is unlikely to secure the retention of facilities much less the provision of new ones. The respondent would therefore recommend through LP2 a review of settlement boundaries to explore the potential for a greater level of development to secure the NPPF aims for a prosperous rural economy.