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Dear Ms Jordan

The Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership welcomes and supports the active lead being taken by West Dorset District Council in achieving a comprehensive and high quality design for the North Dorchester development.

Dorchester has grown over the last few decades as a result of the development of Poundbury. This development site will come to an end in the coming years and the council is now considering the long term future growth of the town to support the local economy and the areas housing need. The North Dorchester site offers an important opportunity for planned strategic development offering 10ha of employment land and will lead to the direct creation of around 900 jobs and 4,000 new homes. However this growth is a significant expansion of the town and needs to be planned appropriately.

The garden communities bid will help to ensure a well-designed comprehensive development that is locally led and matches the high quality of Dorchester's recent growth. It will be essential that the development strikes the appropriate balance between the provision of significant additional housing through the creation of a new community whilst respect the heritage of the area and its landscape setting.

I would, therefore, like to offer my support to West Dorset District Council in its efforts to secure the future of Dorchester and the wider area through significant high quality growth to the north of the town and support them in this bid.

Kind Regards



Lorna Carver
Dorset LEP Director