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Mrs Hilary Jordan

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West Dorset District Council

South Walks

Dorchester

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Dear Ms Jordan,

As an individual who has a key interest in the future of Dorchester and the surrounding area, I welcome the active lead being taken by West Dorset District Council in achieving a comprehensive and high quality design for the North Dorchester development.

The County Town 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 are now considering the long term future growth of the town to support the local economy and meet the areas housing need.

The North Dorchester site is the most logical direction for growth however such significant expansion of the town 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 the county town'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 respecting 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 through significant high quality growth to the north of the town and I support them in this bid.

Kind regards

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