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1. Personal Details

Name: - Carol Tilley

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Country: - U.K.

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2. Agent Details (if applicable) - All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

No Response

1. 1. Please select the document you are commenting on:

North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 (please complete Questions 2 to 9)

2. 2. To which part of the above document does your representation relate?

Policy/site - Policy 14

3. 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

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

No

5. 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 consistent with national policy

1. 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.

Section 14 only gives scant recognition that Blandford's health infrastructure is not currently able to expand to meet future requirements. When challenged the planning officer advised that having identified the issue, it was not the councils problem to resolve. There is no funding for new doctors premises under the existing the national NHS policy. Local GP Practices would find the cost of expansion more than they could possibly fund in their own right. Introducing a third provider would take money away from existing GP services in the town and would not be an effective solution; as a greater proportion of local NHS money would be spent on bricks and mortar, management and admin, rather than using this for buying more doctor and nurse time. This would also go against the current NHS strategy for developing larger practices and for encouraging practices to federate to attain economies of scale. Without some clear strategy being communicated by the council regarding how this issue can be realistically be addressed, there is a very real risk that no additional health provision will be made available for new residents and services for existing residents will be spread more thinly. There are ways that this issue can be addressed, but they are complex and require the joined up thinking and co-operation of many organisations (including the NHS, the council and all of the local health service providers). Currently there is no obvious solution regarding how future health needs will be met.

2. 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.

A feasible and achievable plan to ensure that there is sufficient helathcare provision in the town to meet both the increasing needs from existing residents and an increase due to large scale development.

3. 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

4. 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.

However - NHS Wessex should be involved in this as the commissioning body for GP services.

5. 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.

No Response

6. 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.

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