

**Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership Core Strategy Examination
Position Statement**

MATTER: Policy WMC2 – The Allendale Area of Potential Change

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For the Local Planning Authority

September 2013

The Local Planning Authority (East Dorset District Council - EDDC), confirms the following:

The Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy (the Plan) seeks to provide a new community centre, new council offices, offices for other public bodies, a riverside park and public car parking at the Allendale Area of Potential Change.

EDDC supports the provision of new offices at this location to act as a new civic centre, which would provide improved customer access arrangements to a wide range of public services and the opportunity to provide some replacement facilities for the Allendale Community Centre. On the advice of the Environment Agency, a further Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment incorporating a Sequential Test is being prepared. EDDC has commissioned a car parking study to investigate car parking requirements.

Dorset County Council, Dorset Police and the Citizen's Advice Bureau are interested in having space in the possible civic centre. The other voluntary organisations in the area, including East Dorset Heritage Trust, St John Ambulance and Wimborne Minster Cine and Video Club would like to remain in situ.

English Heritage support the changes proposed. EDDC and Dorset Wildlife Trust support the opportunity for a natural park along the River Allen, with an appropriate ecological assessment of the River Allen.

Dated: 5th September 2013