

## CS Options

### Events: Core Strategy Options for Consideration – Chapter 1 Introduction

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| 360113            | Mr Kenneth Parsons |                                       | <a href="#">CSO155</a> | 1      | Support        |                     | its better to build on green belt rather than jam houses in existing area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                             |                  | 7     |
| 481497            | Mr Phil Dominey    | Stakeholder Manager South West Trains | <a href="#">CSO158</a> | 1      | Support        |                     | P33 Better links to Christchurch & Hinton Admiral Rail Stations (3.34)<br>P36 Improve Interchange facilities to Christchurch & Hinton Admiral Rail Stations (3.56)<br>P75 As above to increase rail usage by including additional cycle parking, co-ordinated bus/rail timetable, waiting facilities & cycle/walking routes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No mention of developing Station Travel Plans (as per DfT guidelines)<br>P347 Identify section 106 contributions for transport improvements including Rail. |                  | 7     |
| 477183            | Mrs Sarah Sumner   |                                       | <a href="#">CSO395</a> | 1      | Object         |                     | I find the documents referenced unavailable, there are no links and they do not come up in searches on Dorsetfor you. Therefore I cannot see how this can be a fair public consultation.<br>Also facilities and amenities outlined in the document as if they are going to be built / put in place. Some have no funding like Verwood Upper School. What facilities do the council have funds for and what facilities don't they have funds for. If there is no funds to build x y and z, how are the council proposing to get these funds? Without this information the document does not portray to the reader a fair plan. |                                                                                                                                                             |                  | 7     |
| 484187            | Mr R Tindall       |                                       | <a href="#">CSO588</a> | 1      | Object         |                     | "If a local authority enables the building of new homes, little benefit is seen by the local community. Existing residents only see further strain on public services. They see increased competition for scarce resources from the people who move into the new homes. They and their elected local councillors, therefore quite naturally object too                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                             |                  | 7     |

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|                   |                   |                                                     |                         |        |                |                     | <p>much of the proposed development."</p> <p>A quote from Grant Shapps MP, Minister for Housing and Local Government.</p> <p>The EDDC consultation fails to address the issues raised.</p> <p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1767788.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1767788.pdf</a></p> <p>The government is also running a consultation on improving these issues for local people. The strategy document for East Dorset is being rushed through without reference to the governments proposed strategy. The government's strategy would allow ground up thoughts on developments, the removal of regional targets and funding for local facilities, which is seriously lacking in this strategy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      |                  |       |
| 361044            | Mr John Nichols   |                                                     | <a href="#">CSO26</a>   | 1.1    | Support        |                     | <p>I would like to thank and congratulate the authors and owners of the various chapters of this important strategy document for their exhaustive inputs. Much work has been done but much more will be done to see it all successfully executed. My comments, though sometimes critical, are from my heart and are my vision for our progress. There are two main points which must be addressed, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A light railway/tramway providing the public transport is a positive way forward and would tick many boxes.</li> <li>2. Christchurch and East Dorset joining forces so to speak is actually only the beginning. Ultimately Bournemouth and Poole will be equally involved, for our problems are their problems. Looking laterally both the Isle of Purbeck and New Forest are involved, perhaps to a lesser extent, but not excluded.</li> </ol> <p>Thank for the opportunity to comment on this important strategy document, I have enjoyed the experience.</p> |                      |                  | 8     |
| 359350            | Mr Jim Biggin     | Chairman West Christchurch Residents Assoc & J.R.A. | <a href="#">CSO1584</a> | 1.1    |                | General Comment     | <p>The term "core strategy" is just another name for a plan. Like any plan this strategy will stand or fall on two key elements: first, a ruthless unvarnished assessment of where CBC-EDDC stands in the world today - not some romantic notion born of proud heritage but a view based upon realpolitik; second, a full understanding of the actual resources that will be available to CBC-EDDC during the currency of the plan.</p> <p>This plan fails on both of those counts.</p> <p>No matter what their history, places such as Christchurch and Wimborne are today suburbs of the main Bournemouth-Poole conurbation. If you want proof of that try travelling by public</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |                  | 8     |

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|                   |                             |                                                    |                          |        |                |                     | <p>transport from Furzehill to Christchurch Civic Offices. Casting a plan that takes scant notice of that fact is a pointless waste of time. Christchurch is predominantly home to the retired. Ferndown, Wimborne and the rest are predominantly home to the managerial class commuter. There is little point in pretending otherwise and raising plans, for example, to build hectares of affordable housing at Parley and Roeshot Hill when the best place for them is in the main Bournemouth-Poole conurbation.</p> <p>The plan is being presented at a time when: Germany is actively considering leaving the Euro; UK Central Government is adopting a necessary policy of financial stringency; Dorset County Council is addressing a budget shortfall of some £30 million in 2011-12; Bournemouth Airport is watching passenger traffic fall dramatically and is probably only being kept afloat by the income from the business park. One would not realise any of that from reading this plan where talk of by-passes, road improvement and so on is pursued with gay abandon. Sadly, a great deal of this plan is a collection of worthless clichés.</p> |                      |                  |       |
| 360653            | Mr<br>M A<br>Hodges         |                                                    | <a href="#">CSO2303</a>  | 1.1    | Object         |                     | Christchurch has more in common with Bournemouth and Poole than East Dorset. The 3 coastal Borough Councils have similar urban, traffic and coast management problems, very different from rural East Dorset.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                      |                  | 8     |
| 360302            | Mrs<br>Hilary<br>Chittenden | Chairperson<br>Environment<br>TAG (East<br>Dorset) | <a href="#">CSO18060</a> | 1.1    |                | General<br>Comment  | <p>Core Strategy Options – the approach ETAG is very concerned about the complete lack of survey work or even any provisional environmental impact assessment to inform the land use proposals suggested in the Core Strategy Options. Although the format of the Core Strategy Options is very different from the Structure Plan and Local Plan which it will replace, the fundamental principle of it being a land use planning document remains. Consequently, consideration of the nature of that land, its biodiversity and the ecosystem services it provides should, in our view, have been the starting point. What mitigation might be possible cannot be assessed until survey has been completed and has provided evidence of what is there that should be protected. Most of the land being considered for development is uncultivated or semi-natural and, from preliminary boundary observation, includes large areas of BAP habitat including land where the water table usually lies at or near the surface for part of the year. Proposals</p>                                                                                                      |                      |                  | 8     |

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|                   |                   |                              |    |        |                |                     | <p>would be subject to EIA. All assessments should adopt an “in combination” approach in determining the consequences of proposals for “new neighbourhoods” or employment land. We recommend that the Core Strategy places far greater emphasis on habitat restoration and the advice contained within the emerging UK National Ecosystem Assessment.</p> <p>ETAG recommends that all land that may ultimately be short listed for development should be the subject of a full ecological survey for a period of 12 months. Independent surveys which adequately target relevant habitats and species over sufficient time and area must be conducted. The length of time taken, and which species surveys are required will obviously depend on the nature of the site in question.</p> <p>The role of permanent vegetation including semi-natural grasslands as a carbon sink must be taken into consideration. Our soils contain twice as much carbon as above ground vegetation. The value of healthy soil ecosystems must not be neglected or overlooked.</p> <p>No site should be short listed without identifying the longer term potential for habitat connectivity. It is essential that we do nothing that could jeopardise future opportunities for improvements for biodiversity and ecosystem function.</p> <p>The broad brush approach that has been taken in producing the SNA maps has resulted in some key areas of biodiversity importance being missed e.g. Dewlands Common SSSI has been omitted from Lowland Heath. The RSPB Heathland Extent and Potential Maps have omitted the heathland SNCI, Potterne Hill LNR. All boundaries will need checking for accuracy.</p> <p>We are particularly concerned that the impression has been given that it is still very much “business as usual”. Despite acknowledging the need to address the increased risk of flooding due to climate change, the consultation document has not adequately considered the other impacts of unavoidable climate change nor the need or mechanisms for minimising further adverse impact. While not within existing flood risk zones, some preferred options are so close that we suggest the wisdom of their selection is questionable. The damaging impact of light pollution in the areas proposed for development has not been addressed and we are concerned that the sustainability scoping document has led to inaccuracies in the sustainability appraisal. ETAG has agreed to provide further comment on soil carbon (required for SEA and EIA), light pollution</p> |                      |                  |       |

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|                   |                                     |                                                 |                          |        |                |                     | (PPS1) and sustainability.<br>Our analysis of the Fordham Housing Needs and Demands Survey indicates that rather than making any significant contribution to our local affordable housing need and reducing the problems caused by an aging population, the provision of such substantial numbers of market houses will in fact exacerbate the problems. It has been apparent for some time (and acknowledged by our planners and elected representatives) that we can never build ourselves out of the affordable housing problem. What we must not do is to make it worse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |                  |       |
| 360653            | Mr<br>M A<br>Hodges                 |                                                 | <a href="#">CSO2304</a>  | 1.2    |                | General<br>Comment  | There needs to be a link road from the Spur Road to Bournemouth Airport (which is in Christchurch).<br>There needs to be a Christchurch Bypass, perhaps from the A35 in the New Forest to the Spur Road (the latter needs to be improved possibly by widening).<br>Such a Christchurch Bypass should of course also be in effect a Highcliffe Bypass. Car park spaces need to be adequate at hospitals and town centres.<br>Car parking should be used as a management tool to encourage commerce and not simply exploited as a cash cow.<br>Tourism is a major economic activity hence heritage must be protected: built, historic, archaeological, and environmental.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |                  | 9     |
| 522240            | Association<br>Verwood<br>Residents | Chairman<br>Association<br>Verwood<br>Residents | <a href="#">CSO18085</a> | 1.2    | Object         |                     | We cannot understand the District Councils desire to rush through this Core Strategy consultation process when there is so much change in the offing.<br>Reasons given to residents at Public Meetings in the Town by Town and District Councillors indicate it is as a result of the Coalition Governments decision to abolish the existing Regional Spatial Strategies and the need to have new strategies in place to prevent Developers pushing through their proposed developments by appealing to the Planning Inspectorate when refused locally.<br>There are local plans in place which, we know were due to expire in 2011, but we understand they will remain in force until the Secretary of State decrees otherwise. We have asked Robert Walter MP to check this for us with the Secretary of State and we are awaiting his reply.<br>The legality of the Coalition Governments abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategies is also subject to legal challenge by a number of |                      |                  | 9     |

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|                   |                               |                              |                          |        |                |                     | powerful housing developers. If the developers win legal challenge and Government need to introduce further legislation then presumably the Regional Spatial Strategies become valid and the Core Strategy is made redundant until new legislation goes through Parliament which as we know takes a long period of time. It does seem Central Government appreciate the difficulties caused by contentious strategies and "planning consents by appeal" which is one of the main reasons they have introduced the Localism Bill. Why not wait until all of these issues are resolved and there is clear sight of what is required for the benefit of local people? In times of financial difficulties saving the wastage of unnecessary expenditure must be worthwhile.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |                  |       |
| 538739            | Mr & Mrs<br>A J<br>Abernethie |                              | <a href="#">CSO22841</a> | 1.2    |                | General Comment     | <p>General comments:<br/>Obviously, a great deal of hard work has been done by EDDC officers, with the assistance of the Consultants used by the Council, in preparing this complex documentation. They should be complemented on the clarity and layout of the contents of that documentation.</p> <p>However, as has been raised at the Public Meeting in November at the Memorial Hall, it would have been more helpful if the documentation had included a proposed timeline, indicating the suggested order of actions/events.</p> <p>Bearing in mind the emphasis by both the previous Government and the Coalition on 'Health and Wellbeing' and Community Engagement, it is regrettable that neither Officers nor Councillors saw fit to engage with the community at a much earlier date by a) giving brief, outline information in the Spring issue of East Dorset News, with follow-up in the Summer issue, about the reasons for Core Strategy and what was hoped to be achieved in undertaking this vast project and b) using the database on the EDDC records, to engage with voluntary and other community organisations, enlisting their practical support to ensure full distribution of the East Dorset News as well as giving advance notice that feedback would be required within a comparatively tight time frame, thus allowing time for consideration by those groups where they do not meet on a frequent basis.</p> <p>Consultation time limit for this draft document: time limit originally given as 12 weeks, subsequently extended to 14 January 2011 (much appreciated!) and information that the Consultation time for</p> |                      |                  | 9     |

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|                   |                      |                              |                          |        |                |                     | the final documentation, in the Autumn of 2011, will be 6 weeks. But ..... the 'Code of Practice on Consultation' issued by the Dept., for Business Innovation and Skills, in Criterion 2, quite clearly states that 'Consultations should normally last for at least 12 weeks, with consideration given to longer timescales where feasible and sensible'. Will the Council now confirm that the formal consultation period, later this year will actually be 12 weeks and not 6 as advised previously?                                                                                                                                                                |                      |                  |       |
| 360653            | Mr<br>M A<br>Hodges  |                              | <a href="#">CSO2305</a>  | 1.3    | Object         | General Comment     | There needs to be a link road from the Spur Road to Bournemouth Airport (which is in Christchurch).<br>There needs to be a Christchurch Bypass, perhaps from the A35 in the New Forest to the Spur Road (the latter needs to be improved possibly by widening).<br>Such a Christchurch Bypass should of course also be in effect a Highcliffe Bypass. Car park spaces need to be adequate at hospitals and town centres.<br>Car parking should be used as a management tool to encourage commerce and not simply exploited as a cash cow.<br>Tourism is a major economic activity hence heritage must be protected: built, historic, archaeological, and environmental. |                      |                  | 10    |
| 360653            | Mr<br>M A<br>Hodges  |                              | <a href="#">CSO2306</a>  | 1.4    |                | General Comment     | There needs to be a link road from the Spur Road to Bournemouth Airport (which is in Christchurch).<br>There needs to be a Christchurch Bypass, perhaps from the A35 in the New Forest to the Spur Road (the latter needs to be improved possibly by widening).<br>Such a Christchurch Bypass should of course also be in effect a Highcliffe Bypass. Car park spaces need to be adequate at hospitals and town centres.<br>Car parking should be used as a management tool to encourage commerce and not simply exploited as a cash cow.<br>Tourism is a major economic activity hence heritage must be protected: built, historic, archaeological, and environmental. |                      |                  | 11    |
| 359425            | Ms<br>Louise<br>Dale | Defence Estates              | <a href="#">CSO19371</a> | 1.20   |                | General Comment     | Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence in relation to the Core Strategy Options for Consideration.<br>I can confirm that the MOD has no safeguarding concerns as the sites identified fall outside of the statutory safeguarding areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                  | 28    |

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| 534368            | Mr Mark Merritt   |                              | <a href="#">CSO19336</a> | 1.20   |                | General Comment     | <p>I have two main comments at this stage regarding process/access rather than the detail.</p> <p>1. The questions as posed in the Courier have no background information to inform a decision. Every question invites a YES answer except the north urban extension where the only question is what size you prefer. Where is the detail to inform the thinking? We desperately need houses; local, affordable, travel-to-work homes but that is not explained. What is the difference/implications of choosing Small, Medium or Large? Potential relocation of the allotments with no commitment to increasing size/facilities and the effect on the new disabled allotment is very significant as it sends all the wrong messages, especially to the people trying to create a sustainable future for Christchurch.</p> <p>2. The web link is almost buried on the first page (<a href="http://christchurcheastdorset-consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal">http://christchurcheastdorset-consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal</a>) it is too long and referred to in passing within a page of text. How many residents will access via this route compared to the number you'd wish for?</p> <p>If feedback about the consultation include comments like 'lip service' foregone conclusion' and 'fait-accomplis' one should not be surprised.</p> <p>Please do more to involve and encourage local people. Help their understanding. Demonstrate you are 'consulting for real', to listen, inform and maximise long term quality of the area.</p> |                      |                  | 28    |