



# BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2011 - 2033

Consultation on Draft Decision Statement 8 May 2020 to 26 June 2020

## Response Form

Dorset Council is consulting on a draft Decision Statement relating to whether the plan should proceed to referendum. The statement can be viewed on Dorset Council's website via the following hyperlink: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/north-dorset/neighbourhood-planning/submitted-plans/blandford-v2/blandford-neighbourhood-plan-version-2.aspx>

### Please return completed forms to:

Email: [planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

**Deadline: 5pm on Friday 26 June 2020.** Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

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Planning Policy Team, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ

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### Part A – Personal Details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**.

*\*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.*

	Personal Details	Agent's Details *
Title	Mr	
First Name	Armitage	
Last Name	Nick	
Job Title(if relevant)		
Organisation (if relevant)		
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Postcode	██████████	
Tel. No.		
Email Address	██	

## Part B – Representation

1. **Do you wish to?** *Please tick one box only.*

	Support
X	Object
	Make an observation

4. **Please use the box below to give reasons for your support or objection, or to make your observation.**

### Housing Requirement

1) None of the documents provided clearly demonstrate how the figure of 400 dwellings has been arrived at. The number seems to be based on "Blandford+"s suggestion to North Dorset District Council (NDDC) and their agreement per "housing-provision-relating-to-the-blandford-neighbourhood-plan-2011-2033.pdf"

2) Part of NDDC's decision to agree to 400 dwellings is based on "Eastern Dorset 2015 Strategic Housing Market Assessment (G L Hearn, 2015)" which is now 5 years old and may not be sufficiently current upon which to base sound decisions

3) It is unclear and there is no transparency if the number of dwellings already approved and in the pipeline will meet the 400 dwellings figure proposed by "Blandford+"

4) Failure to prove transparently that the stated requirement is quantitatively based on sound sources and evidence will leave the plan open to challenge

### Schooling Requirement

5) It is unclear if safe vehicle access to the proposed site north of the bypass can be achieved. Whilst the plan is insufficiently detailed in this regard, the document

<https://blandfordplus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Barton-Wilmore-obo-Wyatt-Homes.pdf>

shows that it is intended to use access from Salisbury Road for access to the proposed primary school and sport pitches. This would constitute a significant increase in traffic in an area which has a 40mph limit and is already an accident black spot

6) It is unclear if the proposed new school would supplement or replace any existing school. If the latter then it is unclear if the land from the replaced school will be factored into the supply of housing land which would reduce the need for development outside of the bypass

### Waste Site

7) It appears the proposed waste management site by the Sunrise Business park will obviate the need for the land currently used for waste vehicles on Wimborne Road. It is unclear if this will be factored into the supply of housing land which would reduce the need for development outside of the bypass

### Developments with the AONB

8) The National Planning Policy Guidelines (NPPG) 'Natural Environment', Paragraph 039 and the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act referring to AONB settings are in statute and therefore are not optional. It is unclear how Dorset Council can defy these statutes, leaving the plan open to challenge

### **Areas of Search**

9) It seems fundamentally wrong that the plan includes search areas outside of the "Blandford+" Neighbourhood Plan (NP) boundary

10) The housing development proposed in the "Blandford+" NP conflicts with the Pimperne NP which is a made plan. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 12 is clear that planning permission should not usually be granted if it conflicts with ANY neighbourhood plan

11) Having included search areas which are covered by other made Neighbourhood Plans it seems a breach of the democratic process to not meaningfully consider representations made by the owners of impacted Neighbourhood Plans

12) Having included search areas which are covered by other made Neighbourhood Plans it seems high handed and a breach of the democratic process to not include people impacted by the "Blandford+" NP but outside of the "Blandford+" NP boundary in any referendum ("blandford-np-examiners-final-report-28-jan-20.pdf", paragraph 16.3)

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/05/2020

*If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.*

### **Data protection**

By signing or electronically submitting this form, you are agreeing to your comments being made publicly available. We will not display your personal data online, however we may share your details with the independent examiner for the purposes of examining the plan. Your information will be retained by the Council in line with its retention schedule and privacy policy

([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy)). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.