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North Dorset Local Plan Part 1

Pre-submission Consultation 29 November 2013 to 24 January 2014

Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012)

Response Form



For each representation you wish to make a separate response form will need to be completed.

This is a formal consultation on the legal compliance and soundness of the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Inspector. For advice on how to respond to the consultation and fill in this form please see the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations' that can be found on the Council's website at www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy

Please return completed forms to:

Email: planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7LL

Alternatively you can submit your comments online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlan

Deadline: 5 pm on 24 January 2014. Representations received after this time may not be accepted.

Part A—Personal details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. Representations cannot be treated in confidence as Regulation 22 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires copies of all representations to be made publicly available. By submitting this response form on the pre-submission North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, but signatures, private telephone numbers and e-mail addresses or private addresses will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the Inspector and available for inspection.

*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.

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Part B– Representation

The North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 and its supporting documents have been published in order for representation to be made prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Local Plan complies with the **legal requirements** and is 'sound'.

If you are seeking to make a representation on the **way** in which documents have been prepared it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.

If you are seeking to make representations on the **content** of the documents it is likely that your comments or objections relate to the **soundness** of the plans and whether it is justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

Further information on the matter of legal compliance and the issue of soundness can be found in the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations'.

If you need help completing the response form please see a member of the Planning Policy Team at one of the consultation exhibitions or call 01258484201.

1. Please select which document you are commenting on:

- North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 (please complete Questions 2 to 9)
 Final Sustainability Appraisal Report (please complete Questions 2 and 10)
 Habitats Regulations Assessment (please complete Questions 2 and 10)

2. Please state the part of that document you are commenting on:

Paragraph number: Paragraph 3.55	Policy/site:	Policies map:
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3. Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant and prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal and procedural requirements?

Yes

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

No

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 justified
 It is not effective
 It is not consistent with national policy

- 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.

Paragraph 3.55 states that the existing settlement boundaries contained in the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan 2003 will continue to be used for development control purposes - until such time as a review is undertaken through the Local Plan Part 2. This approach is not considered sound. In particular, the Local Development Scheme, November 2013, targets December 2016 as the proposed adoption date for Part 2. There will be uncertainty in the intervening period.

Prior to 2016 it is likely that an application for planning permission will be submitted by Persimmon Homes for the development of land allocated for housing at Blandford St. Mary. It would not be appropriate for this to be assessed against the 2003 Local Plan. There will be considerable ambiguity between the 2003 document and an assessment of policies from Part 1 of the Local Plan.

This paragraph of the Local Plan is also in conflict with the NPPF, with Paragraph 17 stressing the need for plans to be kept up to date. Relying on a 2003 Local Plan will be inconsistent with the main thrust of the NPPF, which is to allow planning applications that promote sustainable development to be approved without delay. Assessing a planning application outside of the settlement boundaries of an old Local Plan is likely to cause confusion and delay.

- 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.

The Local Plan Part 1 should include a series of detailed inset maps showing where settlement boundaries are to be amended.

- 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

Yes, I would like to participate in the oral examination

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.

To critically assess changes to settlement boundaries.

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.

The SA, at Paragraph 6.49, confirms that the careful selection of sites has been used to guide the growth of the town. Given the detailed work that has gone into this process, it is considered appropriate for the Local Plan to define the extent of the sites where this growth will occur, and to fix their boundaries.

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.

Signature: pp Goadsby Planning & Environment [redacted] Date: 3rd January 2014
If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.