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NORTH DORSET
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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POST ROOM

24th January 2014

Dear Sirs,

Re: The New Plan 2016-2026 Allocation of Development Land for Affordable & Mixed Housing at Blandford Forum

We write in **support** of the proposed development on the Deer Park/Crown Meadows site and **oppose** the development site in Blandford St Mary for the following reasons:

DEER PARK/CROWN MEADOWS

- Local amenities are within walking distance i.e. Doctors Surgeries, Hospital, Schools meaning less car journeys.
- Site will be barely visible from the Ham area of Blandford, so not affecting the view.
- Not located by busy major roads, therefore it would be safer for residents.
- Situated within the bypass, therefore within easy reach of the town centre.
- Backs on to land which is already developed.

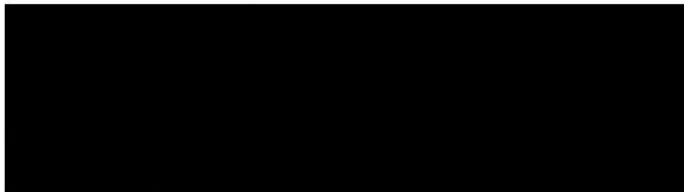
BLANDFORD ST MARY

- Located on the junction of two very busy major roads, meaning more of a danger to both car drivers and pedestrians.
- 'Outside' the bypass making it a very 'visible'.
- Quantity of houses is not in-keeping with the surrounding neighbourhood (Lower Blandford St Mary)
- The distance to the town centre is more than from the Deer Park development, inevitably meaning more car journeys.

We would also like to state that initially (years previously) we signed petitions against building on the Deer Park/ Crown Meadows site, however we would like to **retract** those signatures, as we believed at that time that the proposed development was for the land in front and side of the Crown Hotel and would have therefore been extremely visible from the Ham area of Blandford.

We both feel very strongly that the town should not become an urban sprawl, and that by containing it within its bypass is much more acceptable than the option of moving further and further away from the town centre.

Yours faithfully



Mr & Mrs S. Way

To: Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Rd, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL

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NDDC Councillors have agreed to reconsider both sites before deciding whether to allocate St Mary's Hill or The Crown Meadows for the development of up to 200 affordable and mixed housing in the New Plan that is to be submitted to The Secretary of State for approval in the New Year. I have studied the maps overleaf and am indicating below my preference to assist our democratically elected Councillors in their decision making process..

OPTION 1: St Mary's Hill, Blandford St Mary, site opposite the Tesco roundabout

OPTION 2: Crown Meadows site (land west of Blandford)

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Please tick only ONE box

Bryanston Park Preservation Group

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