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Dear Sir or Madam

New Plan 2016 – 2026 Allocation of Development Land for Affordable and Mixed Housing at Blandford Forum

We are advised that NDDC councillors have agreed to reconsider the suitability of both sites before deciding whether to allocate St Mary's Hill Option or The Crown Meadows Option for the development of up to 200 affordable and mixed housing in the New Plan.

We have studied both proposals and we are indicating our preference to assist our democratically elected councillors in their decision making process.

We would prefer to see St Mary's Hill Option allocated for the development.

We are against any such development on the Crown Meadows Option.

The Crown Meadows, as we have seen again very recently, are prone to flooding and any development on or very close to them would be at risk from flooding and would also (at the very least) exacerbate the existing flooding problem.

We strongly believe that The Crown Meadows Option would have an extremely serious impact on traffic congestion within the town. Blandford Forum has all ready returned to a level of congestion similar to pre-bypass days with the poorly thought out traffic and pedestrian works which have been undertaken within the town centre. Blandford would be paralysed by the congestion of another 1,000 or so traffic movements a day, which is a reasonable interpretation of what would arise from 200 houses on The Crown meadows Option, given journeys to and from work, to and from shops, to and from school, to and from entertainment, not to mention the ever-increasing number of home deliveries that are being made these days.

We thank you for considering our views and look forward to hearing from you if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours faithfully

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