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NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN REVIEW
Issues and Options Consultation
27 November 2017 to 22 January 2018

Response Form

As part of the Local Plan Review (LPR), North Dorset District Council has prepared an Issues and Options Document for consultation. The Issues and Options Document, the Sustainability Appraisal and associated documents can be viewed online via:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy>

Please return completed forms to:

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Deadline: 5pm on 22 January 2018. 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**. By submitting this response form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose. Personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be available for inspection by members of the public and other interested parties.

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

Personal Details*		Agent's Details (if applicable)*
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Part B – Representations

Please answer as many questions or as few questions as you wish. There is a box at the end of the form where you can provide any comments that you may have.

Housing

1. Do you consider that a housing need figure of 366 dwellings a year is an appropriate figure on which to plan for housing growth in North Dorset? If not, please set out what you consider to be an appropriate figure and provide reasons for this.

Yes

No

If you have answered 'No' please set out an alternative housing figure and provide reasoning to support your answer. Without doing a huge amount of research this is hard to answer. We feel this is a random number, not based on actual planning permissions given for houses not yet built, the area of brownfield sites available - if Shaftesbury is anything to go by. Has the required Housing Need Analysis been completed? We understand Shaftesbury's quota of housing is already oversubscribed. Improvements to the infrastructure must come first.

Employment

2. Do you consider that additional employment land should be allocated for development at Blandford as part of the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

3. Do you consider that there is a need to allocate additional employment land in any other part(s) of the District?

Yes

No

Spatial Strategy

4. Do you consider that the existing spatial strategy, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to allow for some limited growth at Stalbridge, beyond just meeting local needs?

Yes

No

5. Do you think that the Council should consider implementing any other alternative spatial strategy through the LPR? If so, please explain your reasons why.

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out your alternative spatial strategy and provide reasoning to support it. I agree with principles 5.1 and 5.2 in your Issues & Options Consultation document, Nov 2017. We do not want to see our towns grow together to form large conurbations and would like to see green belts ring our towns & villages. The distinctive characteristics of each settlement need to be reinforced, not diluted. The re-visioning of Gillingham Royal Forest provides a green belt between Motcombe, Gillingham & Shaftesbury.

Blandford (Forum and St Mary)

6. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Blandford?
- Yes
- No
7. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?
- Yes
- No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

8. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Blandford?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Gillingham

9. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Gillingham?
- Yes
- No
10. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?
- Yes
- No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

11. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Gillingham?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

A larger car parking area at the railway station

Shaftesbury

12. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Shaftesbury?

Yes

No

13. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

I strongly object to the extension of the settlement boundary. In the NDDC Local Plan 2011-26 pre-submission document 2013, the key spatial aspects are "focussing housing largely on the flat plateau land to the east of the town and north of the A30 etc. The large new areas of search here is a huge departure from the previous plan, and is likely to destroy the character, attractiveness and integrity of this historic town that relies increasingly on tourism.

14. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Shaftesbury?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Infrastructure should precede any development; This includes water supplies, sewage, education, public transport, health facilities, renewable energy, cycling & footpath routes.

Sturminster Newton

15. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Sturminster Newton?

Yes

No

16. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

17. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Sturminster Newton?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Stalbridge

18. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Stalbridge?

Yes

No

19. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

20. What are the most important infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Stalbridge?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

The Villages

21. Do you agree with the Council's proposed approach in relation to future development at the eighteen larger villages within the District or do you think that the Council should consider an alternative approach?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'No' please set out your alternative approach and information/reasoning behind this.

Affordable Housing

22. Do you consider that the existing reference to nine dwellings in Policy 9 of LPP1 should be removed from the policy to allow larger schemes to come forward where there is evidence of local need in excess of that which could be met by the provision of nine dwellings?

Yes

No

23. Do you consider that the existing policy approach, which seeks to prevent exception sites coming forward adjacent to the four main towns within the District, should be amended?

Yes

No

24. Do you consider that the Council should continue with its existing policy approach, which allows for a small number of market homes on rural exception sites?

Yes

No

Self-Build and Custom-Build Housing

25. Do you consider that the Council should facilitate the provision of self-build housing by any, some, or all of the following options?

Yes

No

a. Allowing serviced plots to come forward under the current development plan policies.

Yes

No

b. Updating Policy 7 (Delivering Homes) in the Local Plan Part 1 to promote the provision of serviced plots of land for self-build housing.

Yes

No

c. Requiring on sites above a certain size that serviced self-build plots should be made available as a proportion of the total number of dwellings permitted (with or without a minimum number being specified) on-site.

Yes

No

d. Allowing a proportion (up to 100%) of self-build plots on exception sites (with controls over the resale value of the properties).

Yes

No

e. Identifying land in public ownership which would be sold only for self-build development.

Yes

No

f. The use of Local Development Orders to facilitate self-build development.

Yes

No

26. Are there any other approaches that could be used to meet the demand for self-build housing?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please outline the other approaches which the Council could pursue.

Ensuring the Vitality and Viability of Town Centres

27. Do you consider that the existing hierarchy and network of centres, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to include Stalbridge as a 'local centre'?

Yes

No

Important Open or Wooded Areas (IOWAs)

28. Do you agree that those IOWAs, which are protected from development by other planning policies or legislation, should be deleted?

Yes

No

The A350 Corridor

29. Do you consider that the land which is identified and safeguarded for the Shaftesbury Outer Bypass and the Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury Bypass should continue to be identified and safeguarded for such purposes?

Yes

No

Comments

If you have any comments about the Issues and Options Document or the Sustainability Appraisal please set them out in the box below. If your comments are in relation to a specific question or chapter of the Issues and Options Document then please state which question or chapter your comments relate to.

5. Spatial Strategy: cont:

Adequate public transport is essential to ensure the vitality of villages. We should like to see better attractive foot paths & cycle routes linking settlements. The surrounding countryside employed to provide food, energy and healthy leisure for local people.

Vision is needed to take the freight off the roads, especially from Poole to routes going north. A new era of railways is needed.

13. cont:

In filling and building on attractive hedged and treed farmland, with probably expensive houses, will not solve the perceived housing problem, and is unlikely to provide affordable, low-energy houses.

Map 8.2 is very misleading and Areas A-J should be omitted from the Local Plan Review, with only the flat plateau land to the east considered - as previously.

Map 8.2 is not only wrong for Shaftesbury because of its topography, it is dangerous in that it could initiate planning applications for houses in inappropriate areas that may result in acrimony amongst neighbours and the despoiling of Shaftesbury's local distinctiveness.

NODC's current policy for Shaftesbury's slopes & views which does not resist any development that "masks the dramatic effect of the topography or adversely affects views from higher or lower ground"

appears to have been ignored.

Shaftesbury is one of England's few hill-top towns, the highest in southern England. The Greensand spur that juts into the Blackmore Vale acts as a platform from which to view the slopes below and valleys beyond.

Any significant inappropriate changes to fringing countryside to the south, south west and west will be detrimental to the town and surrounding countryside.

Shaftesbury has dominated its ancient hill top for more than a millennium. Once home to England's largest nunnery and burial place of this country, only martyred king, it hosts a series of scheduled monuments not only unrivalled in the country, but potentially bearing comparison with the best-known historic sites of the south-west.

1. Housing: Your emphasis is on housing numbers, not their type or quality, or who they are for. Surely the need is for affordable zero-carbon houses for renting and buying, built in a new local residential that makes reference to the existing older housing stock that reinforces local distinctiveness rather than extracting from it.

28. LOWAS

Woods and nature trees are a vital component of our countryside and are important habitats for wildlife. The more layers of protection these areas have, the less likely they are to be sacrificed for development.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Do you wish to be contacted about future consultations relating to the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

Signature: _____

Date: 18 January 2018

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