

Education.

General Policy approach

Additional education provision should be considered for any developments that could impact on schools.

The I&O document acknowledges that there is a need improve community facilities, including education. This is welcomed.

The acknowledgement that there will be a the likely need for additional 2FE primary schools in Blandford, Gillingham and Shaftesbury, and the relocation of William Barnes School in Sturminster Newton. The acknowledgement that increasing capacity at secondary schools in the above towns is also welcomed.

However

The overall I&O and SA appear to take an inconsistent approach to Social Infrastructure. They clearly identifies Social Infrastructure as a constraint to development in Shaftesbury but are silent on this matter in all the other areas ie [Figs 6.4, 7.4, 9.4 10.4](#) as far as Social Infrastructure is concerned albeit other constraints – flooding , highways etc are noted. Social infrastructure deficits in all areas needs to be addressed if impacted by development

IOWA

Paragraph 14.14 identifies school playing fields being included as IOWA.

School Playing Fields are protected under s77 of the [School Standards and Framework Act 1998](#).

It is unnecessary to afford them additional protection and they should not be included. Qu 28 for School Playing fields is an appropriate approach – they should be deleted as IOWA.

Dorset County Council – Library Service

Under the Public Libraries and Museums Act (1964) the County Council has a statutory responsibility to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service. Housing developments will put pressure on existing library provision and this may require developer funding to help minimise the impact of increased demand.

The library service strategy sets out how the County Council meets it statutory obligation through:

- A network of County Council managed libraries, based on current population size and levels of use
- A resources fund to provide materials
- Online access to services and resources
- Work with partners to provide services to local communities including support for community managed libraries.

For the proposed developments in North Dorset, there will be an impact on the libraries in this area. There are libraries in Blandford, Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton and Stalbridge which will be affected by the potential population growth.

This will require developer funding towards equipment and stock:

- Provision of books at library
- Provision of IT equipment
- Provision of library equipment/furniture eg books shelves, chairs and tables
- General refurbishment to make the service more effective in accommodating growth eg redecoration

There may be the need to extend library opening hours to provide access for increased population. The costs associated with the above items are £75 per dwelling.

Transport / Access

Q6 etc Areas of Search all areas The 360⁰ search areas are a pragmatic approach. However, care must be taken as the plan progresses as it would appear, as noted, that many of the sites are difficult to access due to their relative position in relation to existing highway / routes or built areas and these constraints may be difficult to resolve.

Q29 .

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

Shaftesbury Area of Search A, B & J . Chapter 16 A350 Corridor

Retention of the Shaftesbury and Spetisbury & Charlton Marshall bypass Reservations are essential.

Wiltshire, Dorset and BANES are working together to make the case to government to a significant enhancement in connectivity between the M4 and the South Coast. The evidence demonstrates a potential benefit to the national economy of up to £20.5bn plus associated productivity benefits. Our aim is to secure a commitment from Government to undertake a strategic route study in the RIS2 period (2020-2025). Until the outcome of this study is known, it would be premature to remove the land corridor because we cannot know at this point whether a realistic prospect of an improvement requiring this land reservation will be forthcoming within the plan period (until 2033). We therefore seek a time limited reservation on the land corridor, pending the outcome of a Strategic Route Study commencing before 2025

In addition, Dorset with our partners are seeking the inclusion of the A350 between Warminster and Poole within the Major Route Network. This will create access to new funding opportunities. The final shape of the Major Route Network has yet to be announced, but again it would be premature to remove the land corridor while this opportunity remains.

Ecology.

The North Dorset Local Plan should make reference to the Dorset Biodiversity Appraisal Protocol. This system is in use across Dorset by LPAs to help ensure that there is no net loss of biodiversity as a result of development and that LPAs fulfil their duty to biodiversity under the NERC Act 2006. The system is administered by the DCC Natural Environment Team (in consultation with Natural England and the Dorset Wildlife Trust) and involves the completion of a Biodiversity Mitigation Plan to capture all necessary mitigation, enhancements and compensation needed to ensure that ecological interests within proposed development sites are protected and addressed at the start of the planning application process. Reference to this system would inform developers of

the need to complete a BMP if appropriate and provide certainty for planning officers that development will not lead to a net loss of biodiversity.

Blandford: Proposed development areas F, H and I are within or adjacent to Bryanston SSSI and The Cliff SNCI. These national and county wildlife sites support rare/threatened species including a roost site for the rare Greater Horseshoe bat. Any development would need to take account of impacts on this and other rare species.

Gillingham: Development has the potential to impact on provision of local greenspace as well as lead to increasing demand for this resource. Proposed development should aim to secure and enhance local recreational areas and the associated rights of way network.

Shaftesbury: Agree with the conclusions of the Area of Search assessment.

Sturminster Newton: Agree with the conclusions of the Area of Search assessment.

Stalbridge: Proposed development areas B and D either overlap or are adjacent to Sites of Nature Conservation Interest. Development must be assessed under the Dorset Biodiversity Appraisal Protocol to ensure there is no impact on these county wildlife sites.

Health– health care provision should take account of cross boundary synergies particularly those highlighted in the Dorset CSR 2017 (clinical services review) which particularly highlights the relationship with Salisbury and Yeovil together with wider demands for specialist provision. Some of this demand will be impacted by the proposed growth and changing population profiles.

Response from Minerals & Waste Planning Authority

Paragraph 1.1

It should be noted that the adopted minerals and waste plans also form part of the development plan for North Dorset.

Blandford

Q7. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

The emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for a new waste management centre (comprising household recycling centre and waste transfer facility) to serve Blandford. Consultation on emerging preferred sites took place in May 2016 and identified land south of Sunrise Business Park as the emerging preferred site for a waste management centre. Additional alternative options were considered through a consultation in February 2017. The waste planning authority published the Waste Plan Pre-Submission Draft on 1 December 2017 and land south of Sunrise Business Park has been taken forward as the proposed allocated site. This is included as Inset 2 in the Waste Plan Pre-Submission Draft. The site falls within Area of Search A of the Issues and Options document.

Q8. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Blandford?

The proposed waste management centre is expected to provide an improved, modern facility to be able to manage increased local authority collected (including household) waste. Further additional housing increases the need for such a facility.

Gillingham

Q10. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

The emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for an improved, modern household recycling centre (with vehicle depot) to serve Gillingham and Shaftesbury. Consultation on emerging preferred sites took place in May 2016 and identified land at Brickfields Business Park, Gillingham as the emerging preferred site for a household recycling centre. The waste planning authority published the Waste Plan Pre-Submission Draft on 1 December 2017 and land at Brickfields Business Park has been taken forward as the proposed allocated site. This is included as Inset 3 in the Waste Plan Pre-Submission Draft. The land is allocated as employment land in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1.

Q11. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Gillingham?

The emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for an improved, modern household recycling centre to serve Gillingham and Shaftesbury. Further additional housing increases the need for such a facility.

Shaftesbury

Q13. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Areas A, C, D and I overlap with the Mineral Safeguarding Area for building stone, designated through the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014). The mineral planning authority would welcome further discussions as the options are refined.

Q14. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Shaftesbury?

The emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for an improved, modern household recycling centre to serve Gillingham and Shaftesbury. Further additional housing increases the need for such a facility.

Sturminster Newton

Q16. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

The Areas of Search overlap with parts of the Mineral Safeguarding Area, for both sand and gravel and building stone, designated through the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014). With regards to sand and gravel, prior extraction of the mineral may be necessary before development takes place, in accordance with Policy SG1 of the Minerals Strategy (2014). The mineral planning authority would welcome further discussions as the options are refined.

Q17. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Sturminster Newton?

As noted above, the emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for a waste management centre for the Blandford area and a household recycling centre for the Gillingham/Shaftesbury area. Further additional housing increases the need for such facilities.

Stalbridge

Q19. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Areas of Search D and E fall within the Mineral Safeguarding Area for building stone, designated through the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014). The mineral planning authority would welcome further discussions as the options are refined.

Q20. What are the most important infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Stalbridge?

As noted above, the emerging Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan is seeking to make provision for a waste management centre for the Blandford area and a household recycling centre for the Gillingham/Shaftesbury area. Further additional housing increases the need for such facilities.

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