

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.

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.

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

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

See Above

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

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

See Above

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

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

See Above.

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

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

See Above.

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.

I would emphasise the need for NDDC to carry out Playing Pitch Strategy and a Built Facilities Strategy for reasons outlined above. Further details can be found at our web site:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/assessing-needs-and-opportunities-guidance/>

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

We would also encourage North Dorset District Council to adopt Active Design in the development of new housing schemes as well when considering regenerating areas or enhancing them.

Active Design

Active Design is about designing and adapting where we live to encourage activity in our everyday lives.

It's a combination of 10 principles that promote activity, health and stronger communities through the way we design and build our towns and cities.

That's why Sport England, in partnership with Public Health England, have produced the Active Design Guidance.

This guidance builds on the original objectives of improving accessibility, enhancing amenity and increasing awareness, and sets out the 10 principles of Active Design. Our guidance and further details can be found here:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/active-design/>

Employment:

Traditional forms of employment have been changing in the last 100 years, unfortunately the perception of what employment land is has not. The introduction of B8 distribution challenged local authorities in the 80's and '90s as more of these uses came forward. Sport is often overlooked as an employer.

It is estimated that there is a total of 389 people employed via sport in North Dorset with an economic generation of £15.6m into the local economy. This is 189 more people than in the Financial and Insurance sector in North Dorset! There are wider values as well in saving £24.6m in the health economy and generating £2.4m m in wider spending with a further £6.4m in volunteering. (See attached file)

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157368/report.aspx>

Therefore, Sport England would encourage a new thinking towards sports related employment activities in Employment areas, based on economic cases as outlined previously. This can in part be done by sequential test and the use of Sport England's Economic tool:

<https://www.sportengland.org/our-work/partnering-local-government/tools-directory/economic-value-of-sport-local-model/> to build a case.

A good case study is the conversion of a B2 use in Sandwell (ref DC/16/59751) to a gymnastics club which created more jobs than the previous use.

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

Yes

No

Signature: Bob Sharples

Date: 28th December 2017

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.

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