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Dear Mr Gerry

Re: North Dorset District Council Local Plan Review - Issues & Options Consultation

Thank you for consulting Wiltshire Council on the above consultation. Having reviewed the documentation published as part of the consultation, we consider at this stage the main strategic cross-boundary issue relates to growth at Shaftesbury, and specifically the need for a bypass around the town.

It is noted that one of the proposed options to accommodate growth at Shaftesbury is to the north east of the town, which may include land within the administrative area of Wiltshire. We would welcome further discussion on this and are mindful that there are implications for the West Wiltshire and Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, as well as 'saved' Policy TR20 of the Salisbury District Local Plan.

Wiltshire Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council and the Dorset Councils (along with West of England Combined Authority and Poole Harbour Commissioners) are in discussion about improving strategic north-south links between the M4 and the south coast, along the A350. The outcome of these discussions will have implications for the plan as well as Policy TR20, which safeguards a route for a bypass on land to the east of Shaftesbury. These matters will need to be kept under review and discussed as part of our respective Local Plan processes.

As you are aware, Wiltshire Council has recently completed its own Regulation 18 (Issues) consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan Review to 2036. Through the consultation land has been promoted for development at Shaftesbury and we welcome further discussion about this at our forthcoming meeting proposed for March.

Yours sincerely

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