Response to Consultation on North Dorset Local Plan – Part 1 from Charlton Marshall Parish Council

The Parish Council is of the view that Charlton Marshall should be excluded from the list of 18 villages and it should certainly not be bracketed with Stalbridge, which is a town. A precedent has been set as villages were previously excluded based on various grounds. The Parish Council is of the view that Charlton Marshall should be excluded on the following grounds:

- Charlton Marshall has already built a large number of new houses, in the original plan, then the adopted plan and under the current plan. Whereas most of the other 17 large villages have not had any significant contribution to the allocation needs, Charlton Marshall has had more than its fair share of 'infilling' and larger developments. (Hopegood Close, Parva Cottages, Tannery Court, Oakdean and The Old Orchard)

- The Parish Council challenges the categorisation issues which has included Charlton Marshall in the 18 larger villages category. As clearly Charlton Marshall does not have the community facilities. So the District Council should look to re-evaluate the categorisation criteria for all villages in North Dorset. The village is not sustainable in terms of Sect 4.2.

- We do not have a local need for any further development, it is unlikely that most of the 14 affordable houses in the Old Orchard will not go to Charlton Marshall residents.

- As Charlton Marshall does not have any remaining areas to build, the only option will be to have the settlement boundary extended to include previously identified SHLA sites (eg: Bugg's land). However Sec 1.1, Sec 4.4 and MM3 of LP2 state that the settlement boundaries will be retained from 2011 to 2031, so the Parish Council expects that to be adhered to.

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