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Yes. (para: 82 NPPF)

8,200 new housing target set by Housing Market Assessment and Dorset County Council with the councils aiming for 35% Affordable Housing.
Only 4800 dwellings can be accommodated within urban areas as identified by SHLAA, with the remainder of 3400 proposed for New Neighbourhoods on mostly Greenbelt/Greenfield sites plus unspecified number on Rural Exception sites.

HOWEVER

NPPF para: 14 – “ Local plans should meet objectively assessed needs (etc) unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies in this framework”

UNSOUND .We would suggest that in the case of Wimborne/Colehill, the high volume of suggested new dwellings (1260 in New Neighbourhoods plus 1198 in urban areas as identified by SHLLA 2012 0-15 years) is disproportionate with regard to the present population of Wimborne and Colehill. The resulting population increase would have a significant impact on the infrastructure within the historic market town of Wimborne; in particular in respect of the predicted increase of traffic from the new Neighbourhoods and the resulting predicted congestion evidenced by Wimborne Traffic Model and the Option Testing reports .It is not clear whether any transport mitigation measures would be adequate to alleviate unacceptable traffic congestion beyond and for the length of the Plan period..

CONCLUSION: To make sound

The number of new dwellings within the proposed New Neighbourhoods should be reduced in the area of Wimborne and Colehill