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North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 Pre-submission Consultation 29 November 2013 to 24 January 2014

Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012)

Response Form

For each representation you wish to make a separate response form will need to be completed.

This is a formal consultation on the legal compliance and soundness of the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Inspector. For advice on how to respond to the consultation and fill in this form please see the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations' that can be found on the Council's website at www.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy

Please return completed forms to:

Email: planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7LL

Alternatively you can submit your comments online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlan

Deadline: 5pm on 24 January 2014. Representations received after this time may not be accepted.

Part A – Personal details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. Representations cannot be treated in confidence as Regulation 22 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires copies of all representations to be made publically available. By submitting this response form on the pre-submission North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, but signatures, private telephone numbers and e-mail addresses or private addresses will not be visible on our web site, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the Inspector and available for inspection.

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

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NORTH DORSET
DISTRICT COUNCIL
19 DEC 2013
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Part B – Representation

The North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 and its supporting documents have been published in order for representations to be made prior to submission to the Secretary of State for examination. The purpose of the examination is to consider whether the Local Plan complies with the **legal requirements** and is **'sound'**.

If you are seeking to make a representation on the **way** in which documents have been prepared it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.

If you are seeking to make representations on the **content** of the documents it is likely that your comments or objections relate to the **soundness** of the plans and whether it is justified, effective or consistent with national policy.

Further information on the matter of legal compliance and the issue of soundness can be found in the 'Guidance Notes for Making Representations'.

If you need help completing the response form please see a member of the Planning Policy Team at one of the consultation exhibitions or call 01258 484201.

1. Please select which document you are commenting on:

- North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1 (please complete Questions 2 to 9)
- Final Sustainability Appraisal Report (please complete Questions 2 and 10)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (please complete Questions 2 and 10)

2. Please state the part of that document you are commenting on:

Paragraph number:	Policy/site: <i>Policies 3, 4 and 16 - Blandford</i>	Policies map:
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3. Do you consider the Local Plan to be legally compliant and prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements?

- Yes No *Not entirely*

4. Do you consider the Local Plan to be 'sound'?

- Yes No *Not entirely*

5. If you consider the Local Plan to be unsound please specify your reason(s) by ticking the box(es) that apply below

- It has not been positively prepared
- It is not justified
- It is not effective
- It is not consistent with national policy
- There should be a requirement for developers to consider capturing solar energy.*
- There are conflicting policies. 2*

6. Please give specific details of why you consider the Local Plan has not been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal or procedural requirement or why you consider the plan to be **unsound**. Alternatively, if you wish to support any aspects of the plan please also use this box to set out your comments.

Duty to Co-operate:

Despite a petition of around 6,000 signatures against the development of the Crown Meadows site Blandford, it remains in the local Plan. This shows failure to co-operate. In earlier drafts of the Plan, the Crown Meadows site was simply described as "land to the west of Blandford Forum." This was too vague to enable residents to identify the site and object to development at an early stage. The site of the proposed development was only clarified as Crown Meadows in 2012. Residents subsequently suggested alternative sites as being more suitable. The Plan has not taken these alternative sites into consideration, another failure to co-operate.

Unsoundness of part of the Plan

Aspects of Policy 16 - Blandford conflict with Policy 3 - Climate Change and Policy 4 - The Natural Environment. The site of the proposed development in Crown Meadows flooded 22/11/2012. Surrounding land floods more frequently. With climate change, the land is likely to flood more often. Property owners may have problems getting insurance and getting bitter by the Blandford Fly. If properties are piled down into the site, the flood plain will have less capacity to absorb flood water grey water run-off. This will push flooding further downstream, "land to the south of East Street, including land around the existing Co-op store"

7. What change(s) do you consider are necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is legally compliant and sound? It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Remove all development and access proposals relating to the Crown Meadows from the local Plan. Protect the floodplain and wildlife. Take note of the petition against the development. This may also apply to "land to the south of East Street" if it is in the floodplain or could increase flooding downstream. Take note of the alternative sites suggested by residents. The Council has a duty to co-operate and to pay more than lip-service to Policies 3 and 4.

8. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the oral part of the examination?

- No, I do not wish to participate in the oral examination
 Yes, I would like to participate in the oral examination

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 * may have / cause similar problems. The provision of a new site including informal open space in crown meadows is unsound. It conflicts with Policy 4 because the area is a refuge from walkers and their dogs for otters, herons, Kingfishers, egrets etc. Dogs have unrestricted access to the River Stour and many chase the wildlife. Linking existing sites (such as the milldown 3 and Stour meadows) should take place away from the river, so that nationally and locally important wildlife is not disturbed.

9. If you wish to participate in the oral part of the examination please outline why you consider that to be necessary. Please note that the Inspector determines who is heard at the examination.

10. Please outline your comments on the Final Sustainability Appraisal Report or Habitats Regulations Assessment. Comments are not confined to 'soundness' issues, but respondents can express their opinions on the above documents and use it as a reference point on the 'soundness' of the Local Plan.

Not seen - no internet access.

11. Do you wish to be notified of any of the following? Please tick all that apply. We will contact you using the details you have given above.

- That the Local Plan Part 1 has been submitted for independent examination
- The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Part 1
- The adoption of the Local Plan Part 1.

Signature: _____

Date: 16th December 2013.

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.

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This button should attach your form to a pre-addressed email, if it does not, please save the form and send it to planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk