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NorthDorsetLocalPlan Part1

Pre-submissionConsultation29November2013to24January2014

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ResponseForm

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Thisisa formalconsultation on thelegalcomplianceandsoundnessof the Local Planbeforeit is submittedtotheSecretaryofStateforexaminationby an Inspector. Foradviceon howtorespond to theconsultationand fillinthisformpleaseseethe 'GuidanceNotesforMakingRepresentations'that can befound on theCouncil's websiteatwww.dorsetforyou.com/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy

Pleasereturncompletedformsto:

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Alternatively youcan submit yourcommentsonline at:www.surveymonkey.com/s/NorthDorsetLocalPlan

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PartA–Personaldetails

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*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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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 a representation 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 01258484201.

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 2 Core Spatial Strategy
and supporting text

Policy/site:

Policies map:

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

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

Yes

No

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

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.

1. The Plan proposes to focus development on the four main towns in North Dorset, namely Blandford, Gillingham, Shaftesbury, and Sturminster Newton because they are the most sustainable locations where homes, jobs and facilities are easily accessible.
2. Outside these towns the Plan proposes that development will be strictly controlled, with an emphasis on meeting local and essential rural needs only. All settlement boundaries will be removed and new development will only be allowed through
 - Conformity with countryside policies (eg essential agricultural needs),
 - Neighbourhood Planning or
 - opting in to the Local Plan Part 2 Site Allocations.
3. The minimum amount of new housing needed outside the four towns to meet the identified District requirement is only 230 dwellings over the 15 year period 2011 – 26, much of which is already committed through planning permission.
4. ~~It is not clear what is intended under the option of "Opting in to the Local Plan Part 2 Site Allocations"~~. If North Dorset intends to allocate further land for development in Part 2 of the Plan the broad scale of development ought to be defined in Part 1. Although North Dorset has not yet introduced a charging schedule under the Community Infrastructure Levy regulations, they have indicated an intention to do so. Associated with this they will need to determine the total amount of development expected in the District over the Plan period. As currently framed the Plan fails to set an overall target that can be used in this way. This could affect the ability of Dorset County Council to plan effectively for infrastructure that it is expected to provide, including the calculation of appropriate levels of contributions from developers.
5. Whilst the aim to give local communities choice in how to address local needs is supported, there could be difficulties with the approach proposed. Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the local Development Plan for the area.¹ The current approach for Stalbridge and the villages gives little strategic direction for local communities to use as a guide. This in turn could make it difficult for the County Council in terms of planning service provision.
6. North Dorset may wish to consider introducing a generic policy to set a broad scale of development suitable for the rural areas as well as criteria or principles to help steer local communities in making decisions on Neighbourhood Plans. These may, for instance, encourage development in those locations which are served by public transport and/or have local facilities such as a primary school or rural surgery and where additional development may help to sustain them.

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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.

Proposed Changes:

North Dorset should reconsider the spatial approach to development in Stalbridge and the Villages to ensure that:

- i) adequate guidance is given on the broad scale and pattern of distribution for future development to ensure that development brought forward through Neighbourhood Plans is steered to the most sustainable locations, bearing in mind the existing distribution of services such as schools, public transport and other services; and
- ii) the overall level of development allocated to the rural areas is sufficient to help support local services.

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8. If your representation is seeking 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

X Yes, I would like to participate in the oral examination

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.

Dorset County Council wishes to participate in the oral part of the examination in order to ensure that its interests are fully reflected in the final plan.

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.

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: 23.01.2014

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.