

BOURTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

EXAMINATION

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2. Introduction

- 2.1 In accordance with Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 an Examiner has been appointed to conduct the examination of the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan. Examiner Robert Yuille has initially asked North Dorset District Council (NDDC) for clarification on the following points.

3. Examiner's questions

- 3.1 Q1. The development plan for the area appears to be the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016) (LP1) together with those saved policies of the North Dorset District - Wide Local Plan (2003) that are still extant. Is that correct? Has the District Council determined which of the policies in these plans are to be treated as being strategic when examining whether the Bourton – Dorset Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions?
- 3.2 Q2. The District Council is in the early stages of preparing the North Dorset Local Plan Review (the emerging plan). Will the emerging plan be reviewing the housing targets set out in LP1 such as the figure of at least 825 dwellings in the countryside including Stallbridge and the eighteen larger villages of which Bourton is one?
- 3.3 Q3. Will the emerging plan be considering reviewing the settlement boundaries of the larger villages such as Bourton and will it be considering allocating housing sites in Stallbridge and the eighteen larger villages including Bourton?

4. NDDC's response

- 4.1 R1. The development plan for North Dorset includes the: North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031 (adopted 2016); the saved and retained policies contained in the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (1st Revision) to 2011 (adopted 2003); and, the Shillingstone Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031 ('made' 2017). The development plan also includes relevant minerals and waste policies from the: Dorset Minerals and Waste Local Plan (adopted 1999); Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Local Plan (adopted 2006); and, Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (adopted 2014). However, minerals and waste matters are 'excluded development' by the Localism Act 2011 s.61K for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.
- 4.2 The development plan that covers the designated neighbourhood area for the draft Bourton Neighbourhood Plan includes the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031 (adopted 2016), the saved and retained policies contained in the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (1st Revision) to 2011 (adopted 2003).
- 4.3 NDDC considers that Policies 1 to 21 of the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031 and Policy 1.7 of the North Dorset District Wide Local Plan (1st Revision) to 2011 are strategic policies for the purposes of the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan.

- 4.4 R2. The North Dorset Local Plan Review will be reviewing the housing provision requirement and distribution across the District, including the level of growth appropriate to meeting local needs at Stalbridge, the eighteen larger villages (of which one is identified as Bourton) and the countryside.
- 4.5 R3. The North Dorset Local Plan Review will be considering the review of settlement boundaries of the larger villages, such as Bourton. It will also consider the possibility of allocating housing sites at Stalbridge and eighteen larger villages.