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Dear Mr Warrick

I am writing to you with a representation regarding the North Dorset Local Plan 2011 to 2026 Part 1.

I have viewed your plan on-line with regards to the planning development that is outlined in Gillingham and note that there are plans for a 2 ½ doctors' surgery in the new development. I would like to point out that at present our practice has enough capacity to absorb the new development without resource to building a new surgery. As such there would be no finance available from the present surgery to build or indeed run a new doctors' surgery in this area and indeed this is probably likely to be supported by the Health Authority as they are already resourcing an under fully occupied surgery at Peacemarsh. In addition future planning of GP surgeries is more likely to look forward to bigger surgeries which can provide an increased range of services rather than supporting several small surgeries with the associated cost of more staff, less services available etc.

As such I think that this reference to a 2 ½ doctors' surgery should be taken out of the plan as it is unlikely to happen and it is perhaps misleading for members of the public to be looking at this plan and then having their expectation that a new surgery will occur in this development.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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