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## GILLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**Regulation 16 Consultation: 4 January – 15 February 2018**

### Response Form

Gillingham Town Council has submitted a Neighbourhood Plan for Gillingham to North Dorset District Council (NDDC) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Regulation 16 requires NDDC to publicise the plan on its website and to invite representations for a prescribed period of time. All representations made at this stage will be sent to an independent examiner.

The submitted plan and supporting documents can be accessed online from

[dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Proposed-Gillingham-Plan](http://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Proposed-Gillingham-Plan)

All comments must be received by **5pm Thursday 15 February 2018**. We cannot accept late responses.

**Please return completed forms to:**

Email: [planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk)

Post: Planning Policy (North Dorset), South Walks House, South Walks Road, DORCHESTER, DT1 1UZ

### Part A – Personal Details

Please complete this part of the form as unfortunately we cannot accept confidential or anonymous representations. By submitting this form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose. Personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the independent examiner and available for inspection.

Note, if comments are being made by an agent, all correspondence will be sent to the agent unless requested otherwise.

	Details of person(s) making response	Details of appointed agent (if applicable)
Title	Mr	
First Name	Roger	
Last Name	Monksummers	
Job Title (where relevant)	Town Councillor	
Organisation (where relevant)	Gillingham Town Council	
Address		
Postcode		
Tel. No.		
Email Address		

## Part B – Representation

### 1. Which document does the comment relate?

*Tick one box only.*

X	Neighbourhood Plan – Submission version
	Neighbourhood Area Map (included within the neighbourhood plan document)
	Consultation Statement
	Basic Conditions Statement
	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Determination Notice
	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report
	Other <i>Please specify:</i>

### 2. Which part of the document does the comment relate?

*Identify the text that you are commenting on as appropriate.*

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	
Section / chapter / appendix	11.25 – Important Open Gaps
Policy	
Page	Page 49

### 3. Do you wish to?

*Tick one box only.*

	Support
	Support with conditions
X	Object
	Make an observation

### 4. Please give your reasons in the box below.

The Map on p.49 shows an “Important Open Gap” running from the B3092 road towards Mere westwards.

Various maps, and their shading, through the plan show the developments on the B3092 in this area but not in a consistent representative manner.

The map on p.72 does show the highlighted area of the part of Gillingham known as Milton on Stour running from the B3092 away from that road via local lanes in a SW direction (Conservation Area).

On p.44 if one follows the B3092 northbound from Gillingham, as it leaves the Peacemarsh area moving into the Milton area, the road passes through housing, over a roundabout, past both the health centre and employment land (Neils Yard) and then having just one field on its west side prior to “The Kendalls” which is followed by a Garden Centre and residential housing (The field crossed by footpath 64/73) i.e. there is currently no “Important Open Gap” just a single field.

On the east side of the B3092, immediately opposite this roadside section of field boundary hedging, is a proposed outdoor sport area – see same map on p.44. This proposed sporting use is to be applauded given both the sub requirement level for the town as a whole and this area of the town in particular. I conclude, submit, there is both currently no “Important Open Gap” nor a need for one within the plan.

Milton on Stour has a “village committee”, this is not an elected body – (MoS is part of one of the wards of Gillingham Town) - but a local pressure group with considerable sway and expertise in inputting into documents like the local plan for their own secular advantage and I would offer the opinion even at the expense of the town as a whole!

The land to the west of the B3092 – 3 fields minus the land marked for Sport – would actually make an ideal area for housing, on the A303 side of the town and well clear of potential flood areas!

**5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.**

- 1 – Delete said “Important open Gap”
- 2 – Utilise the land to the East of the B3092 for;
- Sportsfield Use (i.e. increase amount already indicated)
  - Housing, with expansion space for the school allowed for at the North end adjacent to the current school.

**6. Do you wish to be notified of the District Council’s decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan?**

*Please tick one box only.*

X	Yes
	No

Signature: R.Monksummers

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2018

*Submitted electronically, i.e. no signature is required.*