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COMMUNITY GROUP

"lobbying on behalf of the residents and businesses on or near the A350 and C13 between Shaftesbury and Blandford Forum for improvements to the transport links, road infrastructure and safety in the north/south transport corridors of North Dorset."

To: Planning Policy (North Dorset), South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, DT1 1UZ
By email - planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Date: 22 January 2018

Re: North Dorset Local Plan Review – Issues and Options Consultation

We write to formally respond to Q29 as set out in the above consultation's Response Form and comment as follows:

Q29 asks "Do you consider that the land which is identified and safeguarded for the Shaftesbury Outer Bypass and the Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury Bypass should continue to be identified and safeguarded for such purposes?"

The A350 Community Group (representing 9 Parishes between Shaftesbury and Blandford Forum) holds the unanimous view that the answer is an unqualified YES, the land should continue to be identified and safeguarded for such purposes.

Why? Because there are two current developments that might provide the long overdue and much needed improvements to North Dorset's road infrastructure.

- The tri-county (Dorset, Wiltshire and Bath & North East Somerset) report "South of England North-South Connectivity: Economic Study – Final Report - January 2017".
https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/223716/South-of-England-North-South-Connectivity-Economic-Study/pdf/North_South_Connectivity_Final_Report_081117.pdf
- The Department of Transport December 2017 consultation document "Proposals for the Creation of a Major Road Network"
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/670527/major-road-network-consultation.pdf

The failure to continue the identification and safeguarding of the land for the Shaftesbury Outer Bypass and the Charlton Marshall and Spetisbury Bypass would seriously compromise these developments – we urge you to continue to safeguard this land.

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