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NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Issues and Options Consultation

27 November 2017 to 22 January 2018

Response Form

As part of the Local Plan Review (LPR), North Dorset District Council has prepared an Issues and Options Document for consultation. The Issues and Options Document, the Sustainability Appraisal and associated documents can be viewed online via:

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Deadline: 5pm on 22 January 2018. Representations received after this time may not be accepted.

Part A – Personal details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. By submitting this response 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 available for inspection by members of the public and other interested parties.

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name, Job Title and Organisation boxes in the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent including email address. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

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Part B – Representations

Please answer as many questions or as few questions as you wish. There is a box at the end of the form where you can provide any comments that you may have.

Housing

1. Do you consider that a housing need figure of 366 dwellings a year is an appropriate figure on which to plan for housing growth in North Dorset? If not, please set out what you consider to be an appropriate figure and provide reasons for this.

Yes

No

Based on the likely increase in population for North Dorset, based on the figures given in the report envisages an increase of population of 8,400 over a 22 year period. If one assumes that on average there are 3 people per household then only 140 houses per year are required. Even if you one assumes 2 people per household then the number of households required would be 210 per annum based (on a 20 year period.) The figurs being proposed 366 is over double the first figure, and nearly double the second. Either your assumption for the size of North Dorset Population is wrong or you are expecting that the average number of residents per household is 1.1, which seems a very low figure. The figures given in the Eastern Dorset SHMA seems to reflect reality much more closely than those plucked out of the air, as no reasons are given based on a consultation paper, "Planning for the right homes in the right places" which may or may not be adopted and may be amended anyway.

Employment

2. Do you consider that additional employment land should be allocated for development at Blandford as part of the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

3. Do you consider that there is a need to allocate additional employment land in any other part(s) of the District?

Yes

No

Spatial Strategy

4. Do you consider that the existing spatial strategy, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to allow for some limited growth at Stalbridge, beyond just meeting local needs?

Yes

No

5. Do you think that the Council should consider implementing any other alternative spatial strategy through the LPR? If so, please explain your reasons why.

Yes

No

The Ministry of Defence currently have a large site at North East of Blandford, Blandford Camp, while it is not currently envisaged that the camp will close, there has been some reduction in the number of organization using the site, many have moved to Andover, for example. Therefore thought should be given to whether some of Blandford Camp could be developed for either housing and/or employment within the period of the plan

Blandford (Forum and St Mary)

6. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Blandford?
- Yes
- No
7. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?
- Yes
- No

The conclusions reached are flawed. Area C for example is excluded as a 'small part of it' is likely to be subject to flooding. However all the land above the Langton Long Road is rising and is not subject to flooding. The statement "impacts on Water Quality" can be applied to Area A as well, as being chalk down land any run off water which doesn't go into the sewage system will eventually end up being extracted as drinking water. (The extraction Point in Pimperne is currently not used due to high levels of nitrates in the water.) Also the Issues do not take account of the Pimperne Neighbourhood plan, which states that Areas A and B within Pimperne Parish boundary should be important gaps between the Settlement area of Blandford Forum and Pimperne.

8. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Blandford?

While it is proposed to improve/provide footpaths, cycle tracks and better bus infrastructure. Based on the current use of these facilities, most people use their cars for going anywhere as buses currently rarely travel at the times needed and if one is shopping, using a bicycle tends to be a non-starter for most people, considering how hilly the area is.

There is a need for more Local GPs, however, the government are suggesting 'super' surgeries, rather than more small ones. Land central to the Blandford Population is required for a super surgery rather than some little plot for a small surgery on the outskirts of Blandford.

Gillingham

9. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Gillingham?
- Yes
- No
10. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?
- Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

11. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Gillingham?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

Shaftesbury

12. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Shaftesbury?

Yes

No

13. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

14. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Shaftesbury?

Improvements to the main arterial roads A350 and A30 through or around Shaftesbury

Sturminster Newton

15. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Sturminster Newton?

Yes

No

16. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out what you see as the further issues.

17. What are the additional infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Sturminster Newton?

The roads in and around Sturminster Newton are small and twisty and are not ideal for modern transport requirements. Any growth in this area should included road improvements.

Stalbridge

18. Do you agree with the conclusions regarding the areas of search identified at Stalbridge?

Yes

No

19. Are there any further issues relating to the areas of search that you think should have been considered as part of the assessment process?

Yes

No

20. What are the most important infrastructure requirements that are likely to result from potential future development at Stalbridge?

Please set out what you see as the additional infrastructure requirements.

The Villages

21. Do you agree with the Council's proposed approach in relation to future development at the eighteen larger villages within the District or do you think that the Council should consider an alternative approach?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'No' please set out your alternative approach and information/reasoning behind this.

Affordable Housing

22. Do you consider that the existing reference to nine dwellings in Policy 9 of LPP1 should be removed from the policy to allow larger schemes to come forward where there is evidence of local need in excess of that which could be met by the provision of nine dwellings?

Yes

No

23. Do you consider that the existing policy approach, which seeks to prevent exception sites coming forward adjacent to the four main towns within the District, should be amended?

Yes

No

24. Do you consider that the Council should continue with its existing policy approach, which allows for a small number of market homes on rural exception sites?

Yes

No

Self-Build and Custom-Build Housing

25. Do you consider that the Council should facilitate the provision of self-build housing by any, some, or all of the following options?

Yes

No

a. Allowing serviced plots to come forward under the current development plan policies.

Yes

No

b. Updating Policy 7 (Delivering Homes) in the Local Plan Part 1 to promote the provision of serviced plots of land for self-build housing.

Yes

No

c. Requiring on sites above a certain size that serviced self-build plots should be made available as a proportion of the total number of dwellings permitted (with or without a minimum number being specified) on-site.

Yes

No

d. Allowing a proportion (up to 100%) of self-build plots on exception sites (with controls over the resale value of the properties).

Yes

No

e. Identifying land in public ownership which would be sold only for self-build development.

Yes

No

f. The use of Local Development Orders to facilitate self-build development.

Yes

No

26. Are there any other approaches that could be used to meet the demand for self-build housing?

Yes

No

If you have answered 'Yes' please outline the other approaches which the Council could pursue.

Ensuring the Vitality and Viability of Town Centres

27. Do you consider that the existing hierarchy and network of centres, as set out in LPP1, should be amended to include Stalbridge as a 'local centre'?

Yes

No

Important Open or Wooded Areas (IOWAs)

28. Do you agree that those IOWAs, which are protected from development by other planning policies or legislation, should be deleted?

Yes

No

The A350 Corridor

29. 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?

Yes

No

Comments

If you have any comments about the Issues and Options Document or the Sustainability Appraisal please set them out in the box below. If your comments are in relation to a specific question or chapter of the Issues and Options Document then please state which question or chapter your comments relate to.

The A350 Corridor is the main North/South route through North Dorset. It currently passes through many villages, causing misery to those residents, especially North of Blandford. There are various studies some on going to show the development value of improving the A350 corridor to take these small links out at this time would go against the sustainability criteria and may make it very difficult in future to provide a sensible A350 Corridor which avoids settlements.

Any local plan which does not reflect sensibly the way that people move around the area is subject to being ridiculed. Public Transport for those requiring to commute to work is abysmal. There are very few if any buses after 6pm, therefore cars must be used. Any increase in population will mean an increase in car usage. You only have to watch the number of parents using their cars to take their children to school every morning to realise how extensive the problem is. While improved footpaths and new cycle tracks may help within towns, as soon as a child, who can not use a school bus, has to travel along any of the roads outside of a main settlement area, then the parent is likely to use a car to transport them.

While at this stage, specific new development plans are not being considered, it should be noted that most households have on average 2 to 3 vehicles, one for each parent and one for any child at working age. To plan on anything less again in a rural area makes a plan open to ridicule, regardless of government policy.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Do you wish to be contacted about future consultations relating to the Local Plan Review?

Yes

No

Signature:  _____

Date: 16 Jan 2018

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