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Dear Sir or Madam

North Dorset Local Plan Review

I have recently viewed your article relating to the above consultation in the Blackmore Vale magazine.

I have the following comments regarding this:

If there is to be continued expansion of residential development in the Blandford, Blandford St Mary , Gillingham, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton areas, together with possible additional employment land, then some roads will require upgrading to accommodate the increased volumes of traffic generated.

At present the A350 between Blandford and Sturminster Marshall is unsuitable for the volume of traffic at peak periods. I live in Spetisbury and have noticed an increase in both cars and larger vehicles, which are both noisy and cause deterioration of the road surface, together with the potential for accidents due to the large number of vehicles parked along the pavements.

For these reasons the land identified and safeguarded for the Spetisbury and Charlton Marshall bypass should continue to be safeguarded. This planned bypass has been discussed for years, surveys carried out and numerous meetings and discussions have taken place, however, nothing has happened. Given the unprecedented development around market towns and within villages during the last twenty years or so this project should now be reconsidered as a high proportion of traffic using this road is headed for the Poole/Bournemouth conurbation with many trucks using this road to access the A31.

Perhaps given the ever worsening traffic problems, investigation into reopening branch lines closed during the 1960's could be investigated, I believe that central government has mentioned the possibility of this

I cannot comment on the Shaftesbury Outer bypass as I am not familiar with the route, but no doubt the same problems will apply, so the identified route should be safeguarded as the traffic situation is only likely to worsen.

I think that small developments adjoining or within existing small towns or villages up to nine dwellings should be allowed, but should be under the control of the local authority

with priority given to local people. Isolated developments in the countryside should continue to be resisted.

Yours Sincerely

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