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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

If you have answered 'No' please set out an alternative housing figure and provide reasoning to support your answer.

The Trailway Network is not commenting on this issue.

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 *provided real investment in sustainable traffic-free links such as linking to Sturminster Newton and northwards*

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

If you have answered 'Yes' please set out your alternative spatial strategy and provide reasoning to support it.

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

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

See box 8 on infrastructure

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

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

Area D– the North Dorset Trailway could be routed to cross A350 and then take SE side of A354 and under the A354 at the River Stour bridge with additional civil engineering. This could be safer than a controlled crossing of A354 and would not impede traffic flows on A354 - only on A350. This option should be considered, although the route would take users away from Tesco and we would hope that in future many shopping and travel to work journeys to Tesco from South would be by the Trailway.

Area E: The development of this area is vital for developing traffic-free link between Blandford and Spetisbury / Charlton Marshall – this point is not shown in Sustainability Appraisal figure 6.3 page 31, as there is not a separate criteria for “Sustainable Modes of Transport” - sensitive development of the area would incorporate a route for the Trailway across the site and include equestrian- friendly Pegasus crossing of the A354 so that people can travel into Blandford off-road in safety, with a s. 106 contribution from developers to recognize the value of such a route to the residents of those houses. The current short stretch of “Trailway” on the pavement of the A350 from Ward's Drove North to roundabout is narrow and dangerous and a severe disincentive to sustainable travel in and out of Blandford from the South.

Area J: A branch of the Trailway could go up the East side of the Milldown to Tin Pot Lane so that cyclists as well as walkers could have a traffic-free alternative from the town centre to Tin Pot Lane employment areas, any developments should make a s.106 contribution to improving traffic-free routes for the

benefit of potential residents / employees.

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.

The Trailway Network is not commenting on this issue.

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.

The Trailway Network is not commenting on this issue.

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.

The Trailway Network is not commenting on this issue.

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

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

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.

There should s 106 contributions from new developments to improve traffic-free travel for potential residents and employees. Specific needs are:

- 1) extending the Trailway northwest to Stalbridge through Clark's Yard
- 2) opening the spur onto Trailway at Jubilee Gdns - unusable for 6yrs since built
- 3) repair and resurfacing of Stalbridge Lane as an alternative route for active travelers eg cyclists

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

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

We fully support Policy 19 in LPP1 states that grey infrastructure to support growth will include:

- improved walking and cycling links between the town centre and new developments;
 - the extension of the North Dorset Trailway to the north-west of the town, including the provision of a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the River Stour; and
 - the improvement of pedestrian/cycle links between Sturminster and North Dorset Business Park.
- We look forward to practical steps being taken using whatever funding (including s 106 contributions) may be available.

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

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

We agree and welcome the recommendations for limited development with extension of Trailway and other traffic-free transport, with the potential to reduce any increases in local traffic that might arise on the A357 if there are more workplaces and homes in Stalbridge.

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.

We agree and welcome the recommendations for limited development with extension of Trailway and other traffic-free transport, with the potential to reduce any increases in local traffic that might arise on the A357 if there are more workplaces and homes in Stalbridge.

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.

Sustainability Appraisal: *The North Dorset Trailway Network is surprised that the Criteria for judging Sustainability eg in Fig 6.3 (p 31 on of Sustainability Appraisal) do not include Transport when so much air and noise pollution is caused by transport and so much of the quality of life of communities is dependent on interaction with transport, and the siting of new housing or businesses contributes to traffic flow if sustainable alternatives are not provided.*

Spetisbury *is not included among the “larger villages” group and is currently severely impacted by the lack of pavements on A350 in some parts of the village. Extending the Trailway beyond Ward's Drove would provide a safe alternative to driving and would reduce traffic on A350 from local shopping, school and travel-to-work journeys to Blandford.*

A350 CORRIDOR – *YES should be retained and traffic-free alternatives should be incorporated into any highways schemes to reduce road traffic.*

Tourism Potential - *The contribution of traffic-free routes in other parts of the UK is well-established. The review should more explicitly recognize the value to businesses such as shops, B&Bs, pubs, cycle hire and repair that a longer and more connected trailway can bring and make it a priority.*

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: Stephen Gerry for North Dorset Trailway Network Date: 15 Jan 2018

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