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Part A – Personal details

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Part B – Representation

Please tick if you wish to be updated on the progress of this document

1. Which proposed Main Modification are you commenting on? (please insert the MM reference number from column 1 in the consultation document):

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MM2

2. Do you support this Main Modification? (i.e. do you think it is sound and/or legally compliant)

Yes

No

3. If no, in summary, why do you not support the proposed modification?

- It has not been positively prepared
- It is not justified
- It is not effective
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4. What would you like to happen?

- Delete the proposed modification
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(Please give further details or suggested wording in box for Question 6)

5. If there is an additional Examination Hearing session, would you like to verbally express your views to the Inspector?

Yes

No

6. Your Comments.

Please provide more details as to

- Why you do/do not feel that the proposed modification meets the soundness criteria set out in Question 3.
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MM2 The Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Group, endorsed by the Parish Council are concerned that an early review will or could totally negate any Neighbourhood Plan that has been drawn up and render the work we are doing in constructing a plan superfluous.

The Local Plan should make clear that any review will take into account the more local needs and issues identified through any neighbourhood plan work. It may be necessary to make clear that the District-wide policies do not over-ride certain Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Suggested wording:-

Append to end of MM2:

“The review will also be informed by the Neighbourhood Plans and their underlying evidence, and prepared in close consultation with those communities. The Local Plan should indicate where the Neighbourhood Plan policies should continue be given primacy in decision making, given that they may be in conflict with the more generic policies in the Local Plan progressed through a review.”

NB the answer to Q5 is yes but the form design links this with Q2 so they can't both be ticked

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MM10

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Yes

No

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MM10 Policy 13 page 170 Sustainable Drainage

The Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Group, endorsed by the Parish Council is concerned that the modification doesn't take into account that there will be local circumstances that justify deviating from the national guidance on this matter. In parts of North Dorset which are particularly susceptible to flooding any development is considered likely to exacerbate flood risk downstream in times of high rainfall and groundwater levels. Milborne St Andrew is such an area; there is a known localized flooding issue, which would be exacerbated.

Although localized, this is not a matter that can be dealt with effectively through the Neighbourhood Plan process as catchments extend beyond Neighbourhood Area boundaries. It therefore needs to be tackled through the local plan.

What we would like to see is that the SUDS threshold retained at 2 (or even reduced to 1 unit) in those locations where there are currently recorded frequent flood events.

Amend Policy 13 to append

"In areas where there are currently recorded frequent flood events, sustainable drainage solutions appropriate to the development and underlying ground conditions should be incorporated into all new development."

It may be helpful to identify these areas more clearly – in Part 2 or through the review process.

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MM24 Policy 30 (d)

The NPPF requires that policies provide a clear indication of how a decision maker should react to a development proposal. The Milborne St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Group, endorsed by the Parish Council is concerned that the insertion of the word 'sustainable' in this context is not clear or readily measurable. It could be interpreted differently by different decision makers. For example, does it mean that the business will continue operating, that the business promotes social, economic and environmental benefits, or that is accessible by public transport (which will never be the case in the countryside).

Either delete the modification or make clear what is intended and whether such a test is appropriate in a rural context.

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