



BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2011 - 2033

Consultation on Draft Decision Statement 8 May 2020 to 26 June 2020

Response Form

Dorset Council is consulting on a draft Decision Statement relating to whether the plan should proceed to referendum. The statement can be viewed on Dorset Council's website via the following hyperlink: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/north-dorset/neighbourhood-planning/submitted-plans/blandford-v2/blandford-neighbourhood-plan-version-2.aspx>

Please return completed forms to:

Email: planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Deadline: 5pm on Friday 26 June 2020. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

Given the majority of Dorset Council's Planning staff are currently working remotely, in response to Government restrictions relating to coronavirus, the Council would ask that you refrain from sending any response forms by post if at all possible. If you have no alternative then response forms should be sent to:

Planning Policy Team, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ

Part A – Personal Details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**.

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

	Personal Details	Agent's Details *
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Part B – Representation

1. **Do you wish to?** *Please tick one box only.*

	Support
X	Object
X	Make an observation

4. **Please use the box below to give reasons for your support or objection, or to make your observation.**

As I understand it, my objection to the plan (strong and totally in agreement with the submissions of CPRE and the AONB), is sadly, no longer relevant here. However, I will state that I do object to the plan.

My objection at this stage, therefore, is to the notion of putting this ill-conceived and frankly out-dated proposal to a referendum of all Blandford residents.

I , and my Letton neighbours, being Pimperne residents, will not have a say, and yet any perusal of the plans makes it clear that we will be those most affected , together with those Blandford residents at the north of the town .

The madness of building an estate of this size on the far side of the bypass has been already well documented by other objectors and I can only conclude that the Blandford Plus group concurs with the idea (to misquote Austen) that a piece of land without a building on it must be in want of development!

Perhaps they don't see the queues of traffic along the bypass and up to the Hilltop roundabouts every day, as we do. Perhaps they have no idea of how interrupting an already busy road with yet another roundabout from the proposed housing estate (not to mention the new school, with all its associated traffic problems!) will affect the traffic in this area, but really, it takes little imagination or foresight to see the ensuing chaos.

However, I feel that the majority of Blandford residents will not be affected by this and a referendum on it which precludes the rights of those most affected, is flawed and deeply unfair. I also feel that few of the questions raised by the objectors have been really noted or addressed, particularly given the ongoing question over Norden, (which has been suggested as a site for the new primary school,) and the likely surplus in the required number of new homes in North Dorset, (see CPRE objection) should this development go ahead.

And an observation: Dorset Council lately declared a climate emergency. How does this development fulfil the Council's criteria on sustainability? Should we not be building on Brownfield sites as a first option- in line with current Government policy?
 And surely the Council should require the developers to build eco friendly homes? Every house to have solar tiles or panels, electric car charging points, grey water recycling , swift boxes...the possibilities are endless- and must be considered
 This could be a flagship development or just another concrete jungle-although given the level of

traffic it is likely to generate, its green credentials are questionable from the start.
As I said at the beginning, these proposals, are out dated and out of line with Climate regulations.
What we need here is a proper public enquiry.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Signature: _____ Date: 11th May 2020 _____
If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.

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By signing or electronically submitting this form, you are agreeing to your comments being made publicly available. We will not display your personal data online, however we may share your details with the independent examiner for the purposes of examining the plan. Your information will be retained by the Council in line with its retention schedule and privacy policy (www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.