



# SHAFTESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Regulation 16 Consultation 7 February to 20 March 2020

## Response Form

The proposed Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan 2019 to 2031 has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. The neighbourhood plan and all supporting documentation can be viewed on Dorset Council's website: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/shaftesbury-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/shaftesbury-neighbourhood-plan)

### Please return completed forms to:

Email: [planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Post: Planning Policy, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, DT1 1UZ

**Deadline: 4pm on Friday 20 March 2020.** Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

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### 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.*

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## Part B – Representation

1. To which document does the comment relate? *Please tick one box only.*

x	Submission Plan
	Consultation Statement
	Basic Conditions Statement
	Other – please specify:-

2. To which part of the document does the comment relate? *Please identify the text that you are commenting on, where appropriate.*

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	
Section	Housing Completions Table
Policy	3.2 Policy SFHE1
Page	29
Appendix	

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

	Support
	Object
x	Make an observation

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

I would like to provide an observation of the impact of the projected development to the SGN gas infrastructure. Plus highlight other relevant information.

### NETWORK OVERVIEW

Shaftesbury is indirectly supplied from the Medium Pressure (MP) tier. Three District Governors reduce the MP to Low Pressure (LP) to feed gas to the whole of the town.

The three sites allocated for housing are all likely to connect to the LP network. The indirect impact to the MP from the housing developments is not likely to trigger any type of reinforcement on the MP. However, reinforcement of the existing LP network may be necessary to support development, dependant on the final point of connection to SGN's network.

Please note, SGN are unable to book capacity and the above assessment does not guarantee the availability of future capacity which is offered on a 'first come, first served basis'.

### STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Where required, SGN will look to manage the provision of any off site infrastructure improvements, in line with the overall development growth and / or timescales provided. The full extent of these works will be dependent on the nature and location of the requested load(s), potentially requiring LP reinforcement in addition to that required for the IPMP networks, and will only become clear once a developer's request has been received. Reinforcement

solutions are likely to involve the provision of a new pipeline in parallel to SGN's existing mains system, but may also include the installation of above ground apparatus involving land purchase.

As this is a high level assessment and response, the information provided is indicative only and should be use as a guide to assist you on your assessment. While information obtained through consultation and / or engagement on Local Development Plans is important to our analysis, it only acts to identify potential development areas. Our principle statutory obligations relevant to the development of our gas network arise from the Gas Act 1986 (as amended), an extract of which is given below:-

Section 9 (1) and (2) which provides that:

#### 9. General powers and duties

(1) It shall be the duty of a gas transporter as respects each authorised area of his:-

- (a) to develop and maintain an efficient and economical pipe-line system for the conveyance of gas; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (a) above, to comply, so far as it is economical to do so, with any reasonable request for him -
  - (i.) to connect to that system, and convey gas by means of that system to, any premises; or
  - (ii.) to connect to that system a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter.

(1A) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to facilitate competition in the supply of gas.

(2) It shall also be the duty of a gas transporter to avoid any undue preference or undue discrimination -

- (a) in the connection of premises or a pipe-line system operated by an authorised transporter to any pipe-line system operated by him; and in the terms of which he undertakes the conveyance of gas by means of such a system.

SGN would not, therefore, develop firm extension or reinforcement proposals until we are in receipt of confirmed developer requests.

As SGN is the owner and operator of significant gas infrastructure within the Shaftesbury area and due to the nature of our licence holder obligations;

- Should alterations to existing assets be required to allow development to proceed, such alterations will require to be funded by a developer.
- Should major alterations or diversions to such infrastructure be required to allow development to proceed, this could have a significant time constraint on development and, as such, any diversion requirements should be established early in the detailed planning process.

SGN would therefore request that, where the Council are in discussions with developers via the Local Plan, early notification requirements are highlighted.

Additionally, SGN are aware of the advances being made in renewable technologies, especially those related to the production of biomethane. Should any developer be proposing to include such technology within their development, then we would highlight the benefits of locating these facilities near existing gas infrastructure. Again, where the Council are in discussions with developers via the Local Plan, we would hope that these early notifications requirements are highlighted.

Please let me know if the above information is sufficient for your requirements at present. We would also welcome any future updates to your plans.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.**

n/a

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**6. Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan? Please tick one box only.**

	Yes
x	No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.*

**Data protection**

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](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy)). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.