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Reference Comments on **shaftesbury-neighbourhood-plan-2019-2031**

The Shaftesbury Neighbourhood plan is a work of Art! Very well put together, worthy of a top corporation Distribution Pamphlet. It is clear some very good work has gone in to this document. Some of the detail is outstanding including the explanation of the local Green Sand Stone.

Only one criticism of the plan is the presumption that no development shall take place outside of the settlement boundary. As the only spaces within the very tight boundary are the school playing fields and two parks this effectively blocks any development in Shaftesbury, which is country to government and local authority policy. Either the boundary which was arbitrarily drawn on a map years ago needs re drawing, or new housing outside the boundary should be considered on a case by case basis looking at the merits of each case, including most importantly if any developments are built using traditional materials and are in keeping with their surroundings.

The problem in the past has been poorly designed cheaply built, out of character dwellings built in the town. We need to build housing that in 100 years people will want to put preservation orders on, not pull down. We have an opportunity to keep Shaftesbury

With an expanding population thankfully people want to live in Shaftesbury and we need to keep a vibrant town. We need diversity and environmental sustainable housing that improve the visual amenities. In short we need development and more housing and we have to embrace this, although I know a lot of people who already have nice houses in the town do not want this.

I would be most grateful if you could keep me informed of any developments

Yours

Sincerely

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