

## An update on the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Group would like to thank all of you who took the opportunity to attend one of the two consultation events earlier in the summer or took the time to review the documents online. We received 114 completed questionnaires. These responses have given us a clear idea of the village's preferences in relation to preferred future development options and offered good feedback on the group's draft policy proposals.

### Preferred Sites for Future Development

As a key outcome from the consultation, your Neighbourhood Plan Group are now contacting the landowners who put forward sites for consideration to inform them of outcomes of the consultation phase and, where identified as preferred sites, request further details of their development proposals in light of the consultation outputs.

The sites that have emerged as *your choices* from the consultation process are:

- Site 1 - Land Opposite Milborne Business Centre / Camelco, with possible community benefits to be confirmed
- Site 6 and 9B - The Blandford Hill Group - the field uphill from Southview and the strip of Home Field adjoining the A354, with possible community benefits to be confirmed
- Site 12 - The field at the top of Huntley Down, off Milton Road.

For all of these sites, an outright majority of respondents rated them as "Highly Suitable / Acceptable" or "Suitable / Acceptable" for development. In addition to the sites above, since the start of the consultation process, Site 10 "Land behind Fox View", that would have been carried forward as a preferred site post consultation, has received planning permission outside the Neighbourhood Plan process. While this site will therefore no longer form part of our considerations, the homes built here will be counted towards the village's quota of housing within the North Dorset plan.

### Draft Policies

The responses to the draft policies presented at consultation have been positive. All policy proposals received ratings of "Okay" or "Good" from more than 70% of respondents.

### What happens next

- We are asking the owners of the Preferred Sites to tell us more about how they think their sites can be developed that would meet the aspirations and avoid the issues that you have told us about
- We are in the process of commissioning a Transport Management Study that will explore possible solutions to problems posed by the A354 that have featured strongly in your input to our research to date
- We have also asked for some free technical support to help us draft some design guidance that would be bespoke to the village
- We hope to come back to you with the outputs of these activities on Saturday 25 November with another consultation event in the Village Hall, to give you a chance to review and feedback on the next phase of work. Doors open at 6pm, presentation starts 6:30pm, to finish by 8pm.

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