



# BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

c/o Mr B MacGregor  
Clerk to Pimperne Parish Council  
Pimperne Neighbourhood Planning Group

Your Ref:

Our Ref: Planning16-17/Misc

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Mr MacGregor

## **Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan Options Consultation**

Further to your email of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016, the Town Council considered the documents associated with the above consultation at their Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and I have set out the Town Council's official response below.

The Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for a scheme up to Pimperne's boundary and for that scheme to deliver the full range of infrastructure necessary to support Blandford Forum, and surrounding parishes, including Pimperne, it may be necessary for a small element of development in Pimperne, as shown on the masterplan in the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan evidence base. It is considered that that element will be modest, as much of the land will be used for non-developable purposes – green infrastructure essentially – in order to mitigate the effects on the adjoining AONB and to preserve the gap between the town and the village, a goal with which Blandford Forum Town Council wholeheartedly agrees.

Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan makes no reference to infrastructure, and Blandford Forum Town Council would like to remind the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan Group that it is that factor that is driving the Blandford + proposals above all others, not a desire to build more homes just for their own sake. The group has explored all the other ways of doing it on behalf of the Town Council, and they don't work. Blandford Forum and surrounding parishes, including Pimperne, will benefit from the proposed infrastructure in the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan.

Please take this letter as Blandford Forum Town Council's official response to the consultation.

Yours sincerely

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