

Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



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Dear Peter

RE: The Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission Draft

Thank you for bringing in hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and the SEA.

One comment on the format, I note that on page 6 the title for the map runs over part of the text, making it unreadable.

Picking up a couple of issues from the summary, this AONB **agrees** with the conclusion that retaining the clear countryside gap between Pimperne Village and the Town of Blandford Forum is important.

The AONB also **agrees** that focussing the future development of the village on the north western side of the A354 is likely to minimise risks crossing an increasingly busy road whilst facilitating transport in a location where the possibility of a bypass is extremely low.

Looking to Policy LC; Landscape Character, this AONB has found that the term 'due regard' has many interpretations. In place of that phrase both the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan have policies that refer to proposals 'demonstrating' how they have had regard to the AONB Management Plan and its policies.

The AONB **welcomes** the references to Guidance Documents within the Neighbourhood Plan and also **welcomes** Policy LCD; Locally Distinct Character, as this is a positive step towards enabling the character and scale of future development to integrate with characteristics of the Parish.

This AONB notes that Policy MHN; Meeting Housing Needs, approaches the provision of affordable housing positively, and also notes that that supports the findings of the AONB Management Plan.

The AONB notes the discussion and conclusions relating to Employment and Employment Needs and, in the circumstances, these seem entirely reasonable.

The AONB notes the proposed housing sites and that one of them, west of Bakery Close, would be reserved until a later date. Coupled with the policy on Locally Distinct Character, the view of the AONB is that the sensitive development of these sites should be achievable without undue harm to the AONB at this location.

The SEA seems appropriate for the purposes.

I hope these comments are helpful to you. Please let me know if I need to send a copy of these comments to North Dorset District Council.

Yours sincerely

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