

# Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2027

## Regulation 16 Consultation

### Dorset Council Response

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Dorset Council (DC) welcomes receipt of the submission version of the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan. The Council is aware of the various consultation events held within the local community to identify issues and draw conclusions, and in this context seeks to provide constructive comments on the finalisation of the Plan.

For ease of reference, comments are set out according to the policies of the submission version of the neighbourhood plan. Some comments may cover more than one topic and should be seen in this context. The comments made in this response should not be seen as exhaustive and the officers continue to encourage an on-going dialogue with the Neighbourhood Plan Group and the Qualifying Body.

#### **General Comments:**

The submission version of the Plan appropriately seeks to deal with issues of a local nature including the built and natural environment, the local economy and a proposed allocation to meet local housing needs.

#### **Detailed Comments:**

<b>Page 1, Map</b>
The map misses the northern most tip of the parish boundary. Also, parts of the parish boundary are difficult to distinguish as they are drawn in blue (the same colour as the flood zone). Suggest amending the map to correct these issues.
<b>Page 13, Map</b>
Suggest showing the Gillingham Royal Forest area as this is referred to by Policy MOT5.
<b>Page 14, Policy MOT6</b>
We suggest that the second paragraph should clarify that it only applies in cases where development requires planning permission (i.e. permitted development schemes can't have additional requirements imposed).
<b>Page 21, Policy MOT8</b>
Suggest that the 4 <sup>th</sup> bullet point "conversion of existing buildings" needs clarifying (cf. para 4.6 on page 19). It should state that it relates to permitted development schemes and also schemes compliant with Local Plan Part 1 Policy 29 (The Re-use of Existing Buildings in the Countryside), to avoid giving the impression that there is general policy support for the conversion of buildings in the open countryside.
<b>Page 22 onwards, Policies MOT9 + MOT10 + MOT11</b>
For each policy we suggest quoting the site reference number used on the Policy Map in order to give the reader certainty as to which site is being referred to.
<b>Page 25, para 4.25</b>
Examiners for neighbourhood plans in the North Dorset area (including most recently Fontmell Magna, Pimperne and Milborne St Andrew) have ruled that

settlement boundaries should be revised to include new housing allocations. For consistency we suggest the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan revises the settlement boundary to include its new housing allocations.

**Page 36, Policy MOT18**

The examiner's report of the Milborne St Andrew NP has recently recommended striking out the policy requirement for local parking standards where they differ to the county-wide standards. For consistency we suggest that a similar approach is taken here.