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GILLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Regulation 16 Consultation: 4 January – 15 February 2018

Response Form

Gillingham Town Council has submitted a Neighbourhood Plan for Gillingham to North Dorset District Council (NDDC) under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Regulation 16 requires NDDC to publicise the plan on its website and to invite representations for a prescribed period of time. All representations made at this stage will be sent to an independent examiner.

The submitted plan and supporting documents can be accessed online from dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Proposed-Gillingham-Plan

All comments must be received by **5pm Thursday 15 February 2018**. We cannot accept late responses.

Please return completed forms to:

Email: planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy (North Dorset), South Walks House, South Walks Road, DORCHESTER, DT1 1UZ

Part A – Personal Details

Please complete this part of the form as unfortunately we cannot accept confidential or anonymous representations. By submitting this form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose. Personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the independent examiner and available for inspection.

Note, if comments are being made by an agent, all correspondence will be sent to the agent unless requested otherwise.

	Details of person(s) making response	Details of appointed agent (if applicable)
Title	MR	
First Name	CHRISTOPHER	
Last Name	WHEELWRIGHT	
Job Title <i>(where relevant)</i>		
Organisation <i>(where relevant)</i>	MEM LTD	
Address	[REDACTED]	
Postcode	[REDACTED]	
Tel. No.	[REDACTED]	
Email Address	[REDACTED]	

Part B – Representation

1. Which document does the comment relate?

Tick one box only.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Plan – Submission version
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood Area Map (included within the neighbourhood plan document)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultation Statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Conditions Statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Determination Notice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>Please specify:</i>

2. Which part of the document does the comment relate?

Identify the text that you are commenting on as appropriate.

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Section / chapter / appendix	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Page	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Do you wish to?

Tick one box only.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support with conditions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Object
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make an observation

4. Please give your reasons in the box below.

In order for Gillingham to maintain its viability as a shopping and community centre it is important for the population to keep growing. With the variety of out of town and online resources now available and increasingly being used ever more inhabitants are needed to maintain a footfall in a town centre.

I do not believe this point has been adequately addressed in the plan despite the council already being woefully short of the sort of deliverable projects that could help meet, or at least get closer to achieving its housing target for the next few years.

As well as simply providing the requisite numbers of dwellings it is important for a town to retain a certain compactness of form. Gillingham has seen much development over recent years to the north and to the south. There is now available open land to the east of the town, close to the school, the leisure centre and, critically, the High Street. This could allow several hundred more people to live within a short walk of the amenities and could help to maintain our fragile shopping centre.

With good planning it could also alleviate the parking difficulties and help traffic flows near the school and leisure centre. All the on-street parking could be dispensed with and replaced by parking bays past the existing football clubhouse. The possibility of linking through from Hardings Lane to Bay Road with footpaths, cycle routes and in due course vehicles would also become available as an option.

I believe this would be a real step forward for Gillingham.

5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.

Continue overleaf if necessary

6. Do you wish to be notified of the District Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan?

Please tick one box only.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Signature: _____

Date: 13/02/2018

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.