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From: Bernard May [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 January 2018 12:00
To: PlanningPolicy NDDC
Subject: North Dorset District Council Local Plan Review.

Dear Sirs,

With respect to the above review and issues and options I have the following comments:

Q1 The increase to 366 dwellings is too high and 250 per year would be more appropriate in view of the impact on local infrastructure Q2Yes

Q3 Yes

Q4 Yes

Q5 No comment

Q6 -8 No comment

Q9 Wyke is already overdeveloped and further housing on this side of the town will lead to the transport problems already being encountered in the through route.

Q10. There is a major constraint with regard to traffic flow and the bottle neck at the railway bridge. At peak times and when ever traffic is diverted from the A303 through Gillingham the town becomes gridlocked.

The report suggests improvements to the junction of B3081 and B3092 at the railway bridge but it is blatantly obvious that without another road and additional road bridge across the railway the traffic flow problems will become much worse with not only the planned increase in housing in the town but increase in traffic due to a general increase in population across the broader area. Another relief road to the east of the town will be essential to prevent the whole town coming to a standstill in the future as the population grows in the town and the surrounding area.

Q11. As mentioned in Q10 above to make such a large scale increase in the number of dwellings in Gillingham and surrounding areas will require a complete rethink on traffic flows and roads. As Gillingham provides for the needs for food shopping for the majority of the area the traffic between Gillingham and Shaftesbury will become unsustainable without a major road improvement strategy. Since Shaftesbury only has Tesco most people visit Gillingham's supermarkets on a regular basis and this will contribute to the problemQ12-21 No comment

Q22 No

Q23 No

Q24 Yes

Q25 Yes

Q26 No comment

Q27 Yes

Q28 No

Q29Yes

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