

North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026

Part 1: Pre-submission Focused Changes

Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Statement of Representations Procedure (Addendum)

On 27 September 2013 Members of North Dorset District Council approved the North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre-submission Document (Local Plan Part 1) for publication prior to its submission to the Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government for independent examination. An 8 week consultation was undertaken in which English Heritage (and local residents) raised concerns about the impact of housing growth on heritage assets in the town of Blandford.

To overcome these concerns a number of major changes to the Local Plan Part 1 are proposed and Members of North Dorset District Council on 25 July 2014 approved the North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre-submission Focused Changes Document (Focused Changes) for consultation. Representations are now sought on these focused changes **only** prior to its submission.

Title of Document

North Dorset Local Plan – 2011 to 2026 Part 1: Pre-submission Focused Changes

Subject Matter and area covered by the document

The Focused Changes to the Local Plan Part 1 relate to the town of Blandford in particular and Policy 16 with the aim of resolving issues raised during the previous consultation period. Major changes to the town policy relate to the broad locations for housing growth and this has also resulted in changes to the Blandford Inset Diagram (Figure 8.1), the adopted Proposals Map for the town and a number of consequential changes to other policies and the supporting text of the Local Plan Part 1.

Period of Publication for Representations

The consultation on the Focused Changes to the Local Plan Part 1 runs from Friday 1 August to 11.59pm on Friday 12 September 2014 (6 weeks).

Representations

Representation forms (in word and pdf format) and accompanying guidance notes explaining how to make representations can be found on our website

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/focusedchangesconsultation/north>

Also on our website is a link to an on-line survey form.

Representations if not submitted on-line need to be sent to:

Planning Policy, North Dorset District Council, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL, or planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk

Please note the following:

- Representations may be made in writing or by way of electronic communications
- Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:
 - a) That the Local Plan Part 1 (including the Focused Changes) has been submitted for independent examination;
 - b) The publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan Part 1;
 - c) The adoption of the Local Plan Part 1.

At this stage representations can only be made on whether the Local Plan Part 1, as amended by the Focused Changes, has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal and procedural requirements, and whether it is 'sound'. The tests of 'soundness' are set out in national policy. A plan is deemed to be sound by an Inspector if it has been positively prepared, and is justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Where possible representations should be supported by evidence showing why the Local Plan Part 1, as amended by the Focused Changes, should be changed. Representations should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further submissions based on your representation on the Focused Changes. At this stage further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

Statement of Arrangements for inspection of the Focused Changes Document and other amended proposed submission documents

The Focused Changes Document and other amended proposed submission documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/focusedchangesconsultation/north>

All relevant documents will also be available for inspection at the **Council Offices**, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL (opening hours Mon – Thurs 8.30am to 5pm, Fri 8.30am to 4pm. Closed Sat & Sun)

In addition, the Focused Changes Document only will be available for inspection from **1 August 2014** at **all public libraries** in North Dorset during their normal opening times.

The Council has also organised a **drop-in exhibition** where members of the Planning Policy Team will be available to answer any questions and help people respond to the consultation. The drop-in exhibition is on **14 August 2014** at the Parish Centre in Blandford Forum from 10 am to 6.30pm

Copies of the Focused Changes Document and other amended documents are available on request from the Planning Policy Team.