

2. WMC7 Leigh Park:

- **Is the failure to seek housing for local needs justified and sustainable?**

CPRE are very disappointed to see that there will be no housing on this site to serve local needs. Some open area could have been left for children to play in.

Nearby is a new SANG that would provide plenty of alternate open green space for recreation, and in the future there may be further SANG provided as proposed development south of Leigh Road takes place. This would also be very close to Leigh Park.

There have been letters written to the local magazine from people desperate for more suitable housing. It would have been preferable to build houses here where local facilities and a local need exist, and then reduce the numbers elsewhere.

3. FWP6 East of New Road, West Parley

- **Is a convenience foodstore of the size proposed supported by robust and up to date evidence?**

CPRE can only base a reply on empirical evidence:

Many years ago West Parley boasted a row of super individual shops serving the neighbourhood for most of their basic everyday needs. Gradually these shops closed and much of West Parley now has tiling, bathroom and other out of town shops. They do have a Tesco Express that has recently opened.

Doubtless this change occurred as supermarkets sprang up in the rest of the area: Tesco in the centre of Ferndown. Sainsbury and Lidl a half a mile outside of Ferndown. In Wimborne they have a Co-op and a Waitrose.

There will be a grave danger that any supermarket in West Parley will fail and be taken over by another 'out of town' non –food store.

- **Does the policy provide a clear strategy for development?**

We are not sure of the strategy for east of West Parley. It is a very large development which will risk overwhelming the existing community. This will be exacerbated by a new proposed local centre, a new park, community orchard and another area marked out for community use. We appreciate that some of the land to the east of this proposed development is actually within 400 metres of heathland and cannot be developed. Nevertheless, West Parley has an abundance of community halls and recreational/sports ground. It has its own woodlands, why provide more? It will just separate the communities.

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If the new community shared existing facilities, the proposed development site could be much smaller leaving more green space. East Dorset District could then still boast some large open green spaces on driving north from Bournemouth, proclaiming them still a rural district.

The existing plan is not justified. West Parley is not short of facilities. This strategy may prove very divisive within the community so it will fail to achieve the 'inclusive community' the NPPF aspires to.

4. FWP7 West of New Road, West Parley

- **Does the allocation address the need to sustain and enhance the significance of the heritage asset at Dudsbury Hill Fort?**

Both Dudsbury Hill and the Castle Rings are in private ownership. It is not possible to see much of the rings but there is one footpath that passes quite close and traverses the hill. It is an archeological site, artifacts have been found on the hill, but I believe no one knows what may be there, to our knowledge it has never been excavated.

As the rings are on private property, it is to be hoped that they have been protected. In fact they have probably been better protected than if the general public had been accessing them for decades. To protect them further, the housing should be restricted to the lower slopes of the hill, the road abandoned. We suggest that the proposed 'parkland' should enhance the historic setting of this ancient monument and should be advised by English Heritage.