

1) There is concern over the level of development (over 73% increase) proposed in Sturminster Marshall given the lack of facilities and public transport routes. Everything in Chapter 20 of the Plan (Sturminster Marshall) refers to the village but has any consideration been given to the whole parish which includes Jubilee Cross and Almer?

Why has this settlement been given such a high level of growth and have the exceptional circumstances set out to build in the Greenbelt been properly tested? Have all suitable brownfield sites been allocated where possible?

2) In the Green Belt Review Figure A4.16 the Golf Course is judged as having a 'strong' contribution in assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and the results of the SHLAA concluded that it was unsuitable for development. Why then has this been included as a potential site?

3) As the Parish Council understands it, the housing target is high in part due to a potential need from BCP. Have all brownfield sites with potential for development in BCP been allocated? Is there any evidence to show that the two councils are working together to meet the housing need in Dorset? Does the over allocation of sites in the Dorset Local Plan allow for some sites to be excluded?

4) We have concerns about the reuse of rural buildings policy including conversion of buildings to housing. Is this necessary?

5) The Vision for Sturminster Marshall states that the village will create employment opportunities for the surrounding area, however our Neighbourhood Plan survey has shown that very few people from the village work on the Industrial Estate. We believe the expansion of both the industrial estate and housing development will lead to Sturminster Marshall becoming a dormitory settlement with greatly increased vehicle movements and associated environmental problems – do you have any evidence that would disprove this? If the Industrial Estate is to be expanded is there any plan for a new road from the A31 or A350 to the industrial estate to reduce traffic on Station Road?

6) Has the impact for development in the whole Dorset Plan area on the A350 been assessed? Are there any mitigation measures planned for this route?

7) If Sturminster Marshall has to have 425 new homes, how does the Council plan to deal with this level of new traffic movement? This will also impact on Mill Lane (C road) and Back Lane in the village, which is being used as a shortcut to and from Wimborne and to bypass a busy section of the A31.

8) In the Plan you talk about mitigation measures from Azalea Roundabout to Roundhouse Roundabout, what measures are being planned for this route?

9) We would like to see the Trailway joined from North to South to create cycle routes to Corfe Mullen and beyond. At present it finishes at Louse Lane, Spetisbury and there is a small part of the Trailway in Sturminster Marshall and it starts again close to the Parish boundary at Corfe Mullen. Can we see a commitment to safeguard land and infrastructure funding as is proposed for the Trailway north of Sturminster Newton?

10) The village has many issues already with flooding and there are many concerns that further development will exacerbate this. Although the Golf Course is not within Flood Zones 2 or 3 it still suffers from surface water flooding as does the road leading to it. Land at Station Road also suffers from serious surface water flooding. How will flood alleviation be planned for? Will this make the properties more expensive to build and therefore reduce the affordable housing on site?

11) How will the sewerage system cope with 425 new properties and the industrial estate expansion? Shapwick have serious concerns about the impact the development will have as the sewerage from Sturminster Marshall passes through this village to get to the treatment plant. Shapwick already have problems with foul sewerage coming through the drains.

12) Where is any intended retail going to be located as stated in the village centre strategy? As a Parish Council we cannot think of any location in this area that would be suitable? Section 20.4.1 of the Plan acknowledges that the village does not have defined centre. How is this to be remedied if the village is to develop in accordance with the Plan strategy?

13) Station Road – why have the playing pitches in the previous East Dorset Local Plan Options been removed? We are in need of new playing pitches and would like to see these retained in the Plan.

14) Golf Course Site

Bartons Ground – can we clarify if this site includes Bartons Ground and the land adjacent to it? This land is a valued greenspace in the the village and is in different ownership to the Golf Course.

Golf Course – The Parish Council have had strong representations that the golf course is popular and well used and the FOI request for the justification of the ‘underused’ description has provided no evidence that it is unprofitable. How was it

concluded that the facility was underused? How will this site be accessed – will there be more than one access point?

15) Housing size and type - Responses to the Neighbourhood Plan household survey indicate that there is already a strong local need for smaller properties and bungalows; how will this be addressed in the Plan? The survey also showed that residents also wanted small groups of houses, not big estates.

To respond properly to the Plan more information is required from Dorset Council on proposals to solve the existing infrastructure problems in Sturminster Marshall eg. surface water flooding, traffic flow, parking and poor road maintenance before any more development is considered.