

Sent: 29 February 2016 23:58
To: Leani Haim
Subject: RE: Blandford + Pre-Submission Plan

Dear Leani,

The Blandford Plus sites I was unable to access a few days ago were the Framework Masterplan for Land North East of Blandford....., and the Landscape and Visual Appraisal for land North East of Blandford..... and I believe others. Today I was able to get into them, but printing particularly of the Masterplan was difficult (my printer kept stopping) I believe because the page size, although visible on the screen left half an inch missing on the left hand side when printed.

I had been able to get a plan of the site from the Ecological Appraisal, but without the detail in the Masterplan. However I can read maps and I remembered the more detailed map on view at the Allotments.

I would like to make a few other comments:

- "Inset 2" of Blandford St. Mary does not show proposed sites opposite Tesco's and at Dorchester Hill.
- Blandford + Possibilities and Opportunities Document 2014, refers to the North Dorset District Plan 2003-11, which it says could be revised, refers to "Recreational Use" on the now School site. I have not seen any explanation for why that policy has been abandoned.
- Other sites - Working Group Report, Land N. and Ne. of bypass, just says "An extension to Lamperds Field Allotments", instead of relocating most of it.
- Local green Space - Working Group Report, Items 25 and 26, re Historical Significance - No. However I think it does have, albeit not yet "accepted". Cowards Farm/Damory Down Estate would seem to be the site of Roman activity; 1930's Maps show a vertical line/lane through Cowards Farm that goes directly to Old Sarum, touching Tarrant Hinton Roman site on route. 30+ Roman bodies were found at Bryanston, one with a coin of Hadrian in his mouth, Blandford Camp was deemed to be "almost certain to be Romano-British" by the Inventory of Historical Monuments, and Hutchins reported much Roman material at Langton Long. Samuel Lewis in 1831 reported Blandford as being the Roman's Trajectus Belaniensis, and Hutchins said that Baxter thought it Belaniensis Trajectus.
- That vertical road from Cowards Farm goes through the new site, albeit in the position of the School Playing Fields.
- I calculate that a second Roman route traversed along the wide boundary at the south of the east of Blandford site. It lines up with The Close, West Street, and a possible site for a bridge a field upstream of the current bridge. In the other direction from Blandford Camp to Tarrant Launceston there is a "a track which extends E.N.E. from the settlement (*Blandford Camp*) for at least 1,000 yards, as far as 937097." per Inventory of Historical Monuments, although no date is allocated to it. These calculations have not been confirmed by archaeological finds - it would be lovely if someone who knows what they are doing, could look. Unfortunately most Archaeologist dismiss Blandford as a Roman site because of lack of many finds, but there are not finds from the 13th Century when King John changed the Market day in 1216, because of so many fires. Blandford also has Burgage Plots which could be Saxon.
- Whoever provided the ancient maps in the Master Plan had not seen the Bowles Map on the wall in the Blandford Museum, or Ben Cox's 1837 Map of Blandford's boundaries. (Though not really relevant to the new buildings Plan)

In addition to my Comments forwarded to you at the Meeting in the Corn Exchange, I have also sent an e-mail which you have acknowledged, giving an alternative plan. You may wish to put the two things together.

I have probably mentioned items outside your remit. Sorry.

I hope this helps,

