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To: AdminBlandfordForum-TC
Subject: Re: PreSubmission Plan Consultation Comments

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I object to the proposed plans for the following reasons:

1. The proposed plans include reference to land within the Pimperne boundary and which lies outside the Blandford + boundary. Letton, in particular, sits within the Pimperne boundary and should not be included in proposed plans.
2. There is no assessment of the undeniable impact of the increased traffic should the proposed development go ahead. The A354 regularly backs up at peak times, particularly during the summer and bank holiday periods and to add additional exits on to this road, together with the increased traffic from the proposed development, will inevitably lead to additional traffic congestion and an increase in the number of road traffic accidents which occur on this stretch of road. Furthermore, adding additional junctions, roundabout and traffic lights, is unlikely to resolve this issue but will lead to increase traffic congestion, increased pollution and increased RTAs (see above).
3. Alternative public transport options, such as buses, do not run frequently enough, or meet the needs of current commuters and are unlikely to do so for the occupants of the additional proposed housing. Key commuting routes to Salisbury, Poole, Bournemouth and Dorchester require commuters to currently use their own transport. Likewise, it is highly unlikely that there is going to be sufficient employment in the locality for those moving into the proposed housing and this will therefore increase the commuter traffic.
4. Blandford Forum is a historic Georgian town but current retail, community and cultural facilities are poor and are unlikely to serve the needs of the additional households. Further investment by the town council should be put into addressing this situation and making steps to enhance and improve the town and its facilities before increasing the town's population. As such, the plan should make more recommendations to address this and attract a wider range of retail and entertainment facilities.

Regards,