

Our Ref: NP/2015/DP
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Dear Mr Pliskin

Thank you for agreeing to meet with Blandford + together with the representatives to Morrisons. As you know such a meeting has not been agreed to, although I note that you and Mr Kamm has agreed to meet with the group and can therefore offer some time to meet on Monday 14th December between 10:00am and 10:30am. I have attached a structure to guide discussion should you both be available.

You may be aware that the publication of a Draft Plan is not governed by regulations, and therefore many of the regulations you refer to will apply to a Pre-Submission Plan which the group has not yet published. A full public consultation and independent examination, as suggested in your response, will take place further along the line of the project as set out in the regulations. However, your comments, as well as every response received in relation to the Draft Plan has met the group's aim of publishing a Draft Plan prior to submitting a Pre-Submission Plan, which was to confirm the community's agreement with the plan, who will ultimately vote for the adoption of the plan, and to draw out formal responses from authorities and organisations.

As you point out the wording in the Plan needs to be reconsidered. The development it proposes is in addition to that of the Local Plan as the group accepts that it has probably lost the battle for it to be accepted as an alternative strategy in the Local Plan. In terms of your response please see comments below:

- Conclusion 6.1 – The NPPF does not require evidence to justify an oversupply of housing;
- Conclusion 6.2 – The alternative was not tested and the NDLP1 main modifications (MM14) allows for growth beyond the bypass;
- Policy 11 is intended to support, not undermine town centre investment, as is the infrastructure list;
- The 'shared focus' of Stour Meadows (as illustrated) is intended to improve connectivity with Blandford St Mary not undermine it.

The group are already aware that there is disagreement from Clemdell Ltd in relation to its vision for Blandford Forum and have noted the matters you have raised in your response. The group will be discussing the issue of Morrison's store being included within the Primary or Secondary Shopping frontage with Peacock and Smith.

Kind regards



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Chairman of Blandford +

