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Dear Sir/Madam

NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

This letter is to make you aware that North Dorset District Council is embarking on the production of a new Local Plan for the district, which will replace both the Local Plan (adopted in January 2003) and the Local Plan Part 1 (adopted in January 2016).

The new Local Plan will involve reviewing policies in the two existing Local Plans and will also take into account policies that would have been contained in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 2. The new Local Plan will be all encompassing in respect of its content and therefore will set out the overall spatial strategy for North Dorset, strategic policies, including in respect of housing numbers, and detailed development management policies.

Although Local Plan Part 1 was only adopted at the beginning of this year, the Planning Inspector who examined it set out in his report that an early review was required. The Council has set out the full scope and timetable for this review in its updated Local Development Scheme (April 2016). A committee report was taken to the Council's Cabinet on 4 April. Links to these documents are detailed overleaf.

The Council has begun work on the review, and for your information is currently consulting statutory stakeholders until **7 September 2016** on a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. A link to the consultation can be found overleaf. There is no requirement for Town and Parish Councils or Neighbourhood Plan Groups to respond to this consultation although the District Council will obviously take into account any comments that are made.

Should you require more information please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01258 484201 or by emailing planningpolicy@north-dorset.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Ed Gerry

Planning Policy Team Leader

Background Documents

- Local Plan Review – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (July 2016)
<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/423247/North-Dorset-Local-Plan-Review>
- Local Development Scheme (April 2016)
<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning/north-dorset/planning-policy>
- North Dorset Local Plan Review, Cabinet Committee Report (4 April 2016)
<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/212757/20160404---Full-Agenda-Minus-Confidential/pdf/20160404 - Full Agenda Minus Confidential.pdf>