

UPDATED PLANS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN PIMPERNE PARISH

RESPOND TO THE AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION!

You may have seen the community update newsletter from Wyatt Homes asking for feedback on the latest updates to their plans for expanding Blandford north into Pimperne Parish. *There is no obligation on Wyatt Homes to respond to your comments or to send these to Dorset Council.*



If you really want your comments and concerns listened to – you need to **contact Dorset Council before 20 June**, who will make the decision on this major application.

PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL AND CRANBORNE CHASE AONB MAINTAIN THEIR STRONG OBJECTIONS

Concerns that Pimperne Parish Council is putting in its objection include:

- The amount and location of the development proposed **conflicts with both the adopted Local Plan and Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan**. According to national policy, such conflicts should be seen as significantly and demonstrably outweighing the benefits of development.
- The development will have a **significant adverse impact on both the AONB and its setting, and the defined Important Gap**, which preserves the separate identity of Letton Park and Pimperne from Blandford. The AONB are objecting too. The proposed housing extends right up to the edge of Letton Park, which would include this currently isolated parkland into what would be the town's new edge.
- The **potential benefits of bringing this site forward at this time are very limited**, given the local housing supply (there are over 570 dwellings with consent in Blandford), increasing climate change concerns, uncertainty over housing needs, and infrastructure.
- **Knock-on impacts on local services** such as health care (such as getting appointments with your local doctor) and on education for children (Blandford School has already had to increase the size of classes in year 7) – the new primary school is not detailed in the application and could take years.
- Homes proposed close to the bypass will suffer from **noise issues** (and are earmarked almost exclusively for affordable housing), and **there is an important groundwater resource under the site**.
- In the absence of any step-change in supporting more sustainable modes of transport, development of housing in this location will be **dependent on the car, and will cause immense traffic congestion**.

**CONTACT DORSET COUNCIL *NO LATER THAN 20 JUNE* TO
LET THEM KNOW YOU SUPPORT PIMPERNE PARISH
COUNCIL'S OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION**

You can do this either by

- email: planningnorth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or
- planning portal: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/planning-application-search-and-comment> then click 'Start now', scroll down and click 'Accept', type in the application number **2020/00026** and 'search', then 'View this application', then 'Make comments on this application'.
- writing to: Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ, quoting planning application **P/OUT/2020/00026**

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