

Good people and supporters of STAND

Many thanks to all of you who wrote to Dorset Council (DC) expressing your objections to the DOR 13 proposal in the draft Dorset Local Plan. For this flawed consultation, multiple reports were missing and, as yet, we don't know when these will be available for public consultation.

The Public Consultation ended officially on 15th March 2021. DC expects to make the responses available to the public on the DC website, sometime in July 2021.

The Plan will then be amended in the light of both public comments and those made by statutory consultees such as Historic England, Natural England, Wessex Water etc.

The extent to which these various comments are taken on board lies entirely with DC and, in particular, Cllr. David Walsh, the Cabinet member/portfolio holder for Planning.

Most unfortunately all the evidence to date indicates Cllr. Walsh's reluctance to deviate from central government's housing target for Dorset of 40,000 houses - to be built in the county between now and 2038.

If you have yet to read the Dorchester Civic Society's (DCS) responses to the Local Plan, I recommend them to you. They are available on the DCS website:

www.dorchestercivicsociety.org.uk

Other recommended group responses include those from Dorchester Town Council, Stinsford Parish Council, STAND itself and Dorset CAN (Climate Action Network).

The massive effort put in by the STAND committee, helped greatly by a steady stream of donations through the "Go Fund Me" platform**, has led to far more people being aware of the threat posed by the draft Dorset Local Plan and the DOR 13 proposal in particular. This, in turn, has led to more responses being made by the public during the six-week Public Consultation period.

Numbers are very important but, sadly, there are still many Dorset people unaware of the serious local consequences for the whole county and the county town in particular, should the Local Plan, in its current form, be adopted.

**For example:

- i) STAND/CPRE funded two half-page adverts in the Dorset Echo at a cost of £900.
- ii) STAND purchased 1 large street banner and 15 smaller banners at a cost of £1295.

There are more stages for the Plan to go through and **a further opportunity to comment**. Subject to DC Cabinet approval in July 2021, the timetable looks like this:

July 2021.....Publication of the responses to the Public Consultation.

May 2022.....Publication of a revised Draft Local Plan **on which people can make further comments**. Comments made at this stage will be submitted to the independent Inspector together with the plan. The plan document is due to be considered by both Cabinet and Full Council before the publication stage.

October 2022.....Submission of revised Draft Local Plan to independent Inspector.

Spring 2023.....Examination of Local Plan by independent Inspector who will consider all the comments submitted. The Inspector will invite respondents to speak at the public hearings where this is considered necessary.

Winter 2023.....Assuming the Inspector finds the Local Plan “sound”, it will be Adopted or Rejected by all Dorset Councillors.

Petitions

STAND's 38 Degrees Petition has now closed with 5146 signatures. Having over 5000 signatures on the Petition should, according to Dorset Council's Constitution, lead to a debate on the issue by Full Council - albeit at a time of their choosing.

It will be submitted to Dorset Council at the next Full Dorset Council Meeting on **Thursday 15th July 2021**.

Chris Loder, Member of Parliament for West Dorset, opposes the DOR 13 development and now has his own Petition against it. You can add your signature here:

www.chrisloder.co.uk/norchester

STAND Committee

STAND has expanded its membership and expertise. Jane Ashdown has taken over as Chair of the STAND committee, Alistair Chisholm retains the role of STAND Co-ordinator, tasked with working collaboratively with other groups in Dorset.

The STAND Committee comprises:

Rodney Alcock	Retired museum curator, conservator and consultant
Jane Ashdown	Chair of STAND Committee and retired educator
Peter Bowyer	Chair, Dorset CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
Alistair Chisholm	Town Crier and Independent Dorchester Town Councillor
Mark Chutter	Teacher and academic lead for Thomas Hardy Society
Guy Dickinson	Chair, West Dorset Branch of CPRE and former GP
Gerald Duke	Treasurer of STAND. Local solicitor and Chair of Dorchester Conservative Association
Ian Gosling	International lawyer
Susie Hosford	Liberal Democrat leader of Dorchester Town Council
Nigel Kay	Communications consultant and retired BBC journalist
Lorna Low	Local osteopath and activist
Neil Matthews	Minute Secretary of STAND. Retired environmental science teacher
Alastair Nisbet	Filmmaker and artist, former journalist
Linda Poulsen	Retired Education Officer, Dorset County Museum
Solmaz Tavsanoğlu	Practising Planning Consultant

The status of STAND

STAND has now been constituted as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Company Registration Number is:

Future Plans

We shall arrange public meetings, demonstrations and protests often working with other groups across the county.

The first of these is likely to be held outside County Hall in Dorchester on **Thursday 15th July 2021** when STAND's 38 Degrees Petition will be presented to Dorset Council.

There will be a Public Meeting at Maumbury Rings in Dorchester on **Sunday 19th September 2021** to which we shall invite prominent national speakers.

We shall continue to ask questions of both the Full Dorset Council and the 10 person Dorset Council Cabinet.

We shall continue to work with Dorchester Town Council, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), the Thomas Hardy Society, the Dorchester Civic Society, the Dorchester Association, Dorset Climate Action Network (CAN) and others opposed to DOR 13.

Subject to funds being available we hope to:

- i) make promotional videos to show what would be lost should the DOR 13 proposals be adopted/go ahead.
- ii) commission a professional study into the impact of DOR 13 proposals on the tourist economy.
- iii) Challenge the consultant's reports commissioned by the developers.

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STAND Co-ordinator

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