BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION STATEMENT JANUARY 2019

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'Wordle' of all online responses received on the Regulation 14 consultation draft of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan July – September 2018.

1. INTRODUCTION

This Consultation Statement summarises the community consultation process that was undertaken in producing the Regulation 15 Submission draft of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan (BANP) Consultation Draft (January 2019).

This Consultation Statement has been prepared to fulfil the legal obligations of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations sets out what a Consultation Statement should contain:

- (a) Contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- (b) Explains how they were consulted;
- (c) Summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted;
- (d) Describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

The town and parish councils have been explicit in their aim that the Neighbourhood Plan should be a plan for the area developed by the people of the area. Consequently efforts have been made to involve the local community in a meaningful way at every stage of the plan-making process. The aims of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan consultation process were:

- To build on previous consultations carried out in Bridport so that the Plan was informed by the views of local people and other stakeholders from the start of the neighbourhood planning process
- to ensure that consultation events took place at critical points in the process where decisions needed to be taken;
- To engage with as wide a range of people as possible, using a variety of events and communication techniques

This consultation statement provides an overview of each of the above stages of consultation in accordance with Section 15(2) of Part 5 of the Regulations.

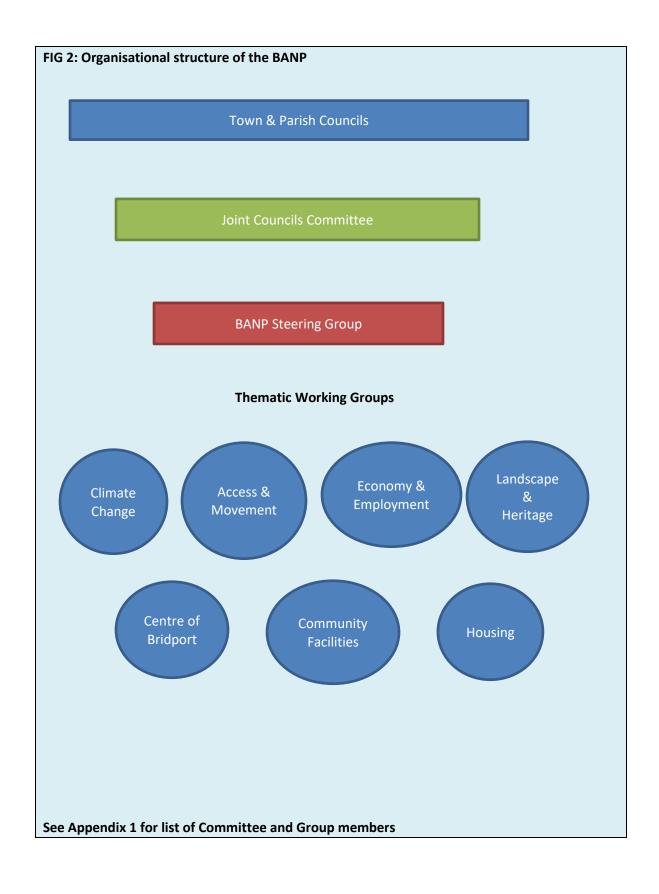
2. A COMMUNITY LED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Fig 1
The Designated Neighbourhood
Plan Area

The BANP covers Bridport, Allington, Bradpole, Bothenhampton and Walditch Symondsbury and West Bay. A Joint Councils Committee was established in 2014 which took the innovative decision to delegate development of the BANP to a Steering Group made up of volunteers from the local communities.

The policies contained in the Regulation 15 submission BANP are as a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the community within the town of Bridport and the surrounding parishes. Work has involved over 100 community volunteers contributing over four years, undertaking surveys, research, public meetings and events. This has been overseen and coordinated by the BANP Community Steering Group which was formed to develop and represent the views of local people and submit a draft BANP document to the Joint Councils Committee for discussion and submission to all Councils for approval and sign off.



2.1 **Stages in BANP Consultation Process**

The key consultation events took place at the following stages in the neighbourhood planning process:

Stage	Task	Date
1	Application to West Dorset District Council	2013
2	Designation of area covered by the Bridport Area	2014
	Neighbourhood Plan	
3	Vision and Objectives Consultation	2015
4	BANP community questionnaire – including	2016
	specific youth survey	
5	Call for sites	2016
6	Community Testing of policies – Intentions	August 2017
	Consultation	
7	Production of Regulation 14 Consultation Draft	March – June 2018
	Plan	
8	Regulation 14 Pre-Submission Consultation	July – September 2018

Overall the consultation programme reached a wide spectrum of the Bridport area's population and the majority of people supported the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan, welcomed the opportunity for change and were positive about the proposed developments.

Fig 3: Intentions Document August 2017 and Regulation 14 flyer 2018









TIME TO DECIDE

2.2 Regulation 14 Submission Consultation

Who was consulted

The Joint Councils Committee developed a consultation strategy that aimed to engage with as wide a cross-section of Bridport Area population as possible, and provide a wide variety of different ways for people to get involved. The aim was to ensure that all local residents, businesses, community groups and landowners were aware of the draft Plan and how to comment on it.

In addition all statutory consultees were contacted by e-mail/letter, which included a link to a copy of the draft Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan and the option to request a hard copy was offered. local land owners whose land may be affected by the plan were also consulted, a letter advising them of the relevant policy that may affect them was sent. Where the landowners were not known

See appendix 2 – Letter to Statutory Consultees and landowners.

How people were consulted

The Community Steering Group consulted local people through:

- Door to Door Mail out of BANP flyer informing people that the regulation 14 document was out for consultation and where they could download or pick up summaries and full documents and how to respond both online links and hard copy questionnaires see Appendix 3 Examples of Reg 14 Promotion.
- Uploading the draft BANP Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents to the Vision 2030 website and placed links to the consultation 2018 webpage on all participating Town and Parish council websites;

https://www.vision-2030.co.uk/consultation-2018/

- Social Media Vision 2030 Twitter and Facebook activity;
- A notice and link to the Consultation 2018 webpage was added to the Town and Parish Council websites;
- Town, Parish and Voluntary sector events were held where members of the Community Steering Group could engage with members of the public and discuss neighbourhood plan issues and concerns;
- A public notice was put up on the noticeboards around the designated area;
- Holding an exhibition throughout the consultation period in the Town Council Offices, Library and Tourist Information Centre;

- Issuing a press releases to the media at the start of the consultation period and again 3 weeks before consultation closed and
- Launch feature in the Marshwood Vale Free publication.

2.3 The following consultation events took place - List of Events Regulation 14 consultation July-September 2018:

event	Date	Venue	organisers	Attendance	Posters on Public Noticeboar d	Website	Media
Bridport food Festival	16 June	Asker Meadows	Bridport Town council	100's	No	Yes	No
CAB annual Meeting on Housing	16 July	Bridport Town Hall	САВ	50-70	No	Yes	Yes
Bradpole Parish meeting	18 July	Village Hall	Parish Council	9	yes	yes	No
West Bay Community Consultation	23 July	Salt House	Coastal Communities	160	yes	no	Yes
Low Carbon Dorset Business meeting	24 July	LSI Bridport	DCC	16	yes	yes	Yes
Skilling Family fun day	2 Aug	Plottingham Field	WDDC	150	Yes	yes	Yes
Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Meeting	14 Aug	Village Hall	Parish Council	40	yes	Yes	No
Melplash Show	25 Aug	Show Field	Melplash Agric Soc	1000's	No	Yes	Yes
Bridport Town Council Meeting	5 Sept	Town Hall	BANP SG	14	yes	yes	Yes

Provided at the consultation events were nine A1 display boards setting out the story of the BANP, the vision, objectives, all proposed polices and projects and actions set out in the draft plan.

The location and timing for the events were carefully considered, ensuring that the locations were spread around the BANP area so that an event was within reasonable walking distance and at a variety of different times.

Summary of Regulation 14 Consultation

- Over 500 attendees at Consultation events
- Over 2,000 unique visitors to the Vision 2030 Consultation 2018 webpage
- 139 Online responses
- 115 responses at public events
- 22 email/ hard copy responses

3. ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED

A total of 276 consultation responses were received, which included:

- 115 responses recorded at public events
- 72 Full online responses
- 67 Quick responses
- 18 emails/ letters, including Landowners, Developers, Chamber of Trade, Bridport Town Council, Bradpole PC..
- 4 responses from statutory bodies; WDDC, DCC Highways Agency,

A summary of the online questionnaire responses is attached at Appendix 4.

3.1 The headline findings are summarised below.

Strong support for BANP vision:

	Support	Object	Don't Know
Bridport Area Neighbourhood	83%	9%	8%
Plan VISION			

Strong Support for the BANP Objectives:

	Support	Object	Don't Know
Bridport Area Neighbourhood	81%	12%	7%
Plan Objectives			

Strong support for the BANP policies:

	Support	Object	Don't Know
Bridport Area Neighbourhood	83%	10%	7%
Plan Objectives			

Support for BANP Actions and Projects

	Support	Object	Don't Know
Bridport Area Neighbourhood	73%	12%	15%
Plan Objectives			

3.2 A selection of responses on 'what people liked' about the Regulation 14 draft:

- Strong support for the housing polices, especially those promoting affordable housing
- Strong support for protection of landscape and heritage polices, especially the green spaces and anti –coalescence policies
- Support for Town Centre polices and employment and economy, especially where aimed at young people, training and employment opportunities
- Support for transport polices especially improved public transport, support for retention of the Bus Station and improved cycling facilities
- Support for design standards, and shop front design
- Support for climate change polices, especially setting of standards

Selected comments:

"A well presented document" – "Thank you to all those who dedicated their time to produce this excellent document" - " just to say thanks for all your work. It's a commendable effort to use the processes that government has allowed us."

3.3 A selection of responses on 'concerns and improvements' to the Regulation 14 draft:

- Stronger housing polices, especially promoting affordable housing for rent;
- Strong steer to consider 'brownfield' developments rather than 'Greenfield';
- Objections to Housing Policies H7 and H9, need re drafting or deleting;
- Calls for clear definition of 'affordable housing' in the context of local jobs market and incomes;
- Calls to define the housing need in numbers and type;
- Fears that housing and green space policies will be in conflict and environment protection lose out;
- Objections expressed about housing developments at Watton Hill Eco Village and Verse Farm;
- Fears expressed about the scale of housing allocations in the Bridport Area particularly the impact additional households will have on traffic and the robustness of the town infrastructure to cope with additional numbers;
- Greater consideration is needed to address the aging demographic, particularly related to healthcare, and the specific needs of people with disabilities;
- Need for greater support for landscape an heritage polices, especially recognition of the AONB designation and fears that green space will be compromised by development pressures and non designated heritage assets lost;
- Specific proposals for additional green spaces, West Bay SSSI an omission;

- More attention required to the 40% population outside Bridport/West Bay Area;
- Pymore amongst settlements needing inclusion in character descriptions;
- More emphasis on transport and traffic issues, especially bus services and car parking;
- More emphasis on young people's needs, especially related to training and employment;
- More emphasis on the unique character of Bridport's retail offer; especially creatives and Artisans needs for workspace;
- More public art;
- Town centre retail and St Michaels need join up;
- More on climate change, in particular energy production and addressing air pollution issues though countered by concerns that climate change given too much priority.

Selected comments:

"Too much Waffle" "A wonderful Fairy Story", "Too long" – "Not user friendly, too much jargon "- "how can local councils deliver these grand objectives with little power and rapidly diminishing resources".

3.4 Overall Summary of Regulation 14 Response:

Strong support for the plan vision/ objectives and policies

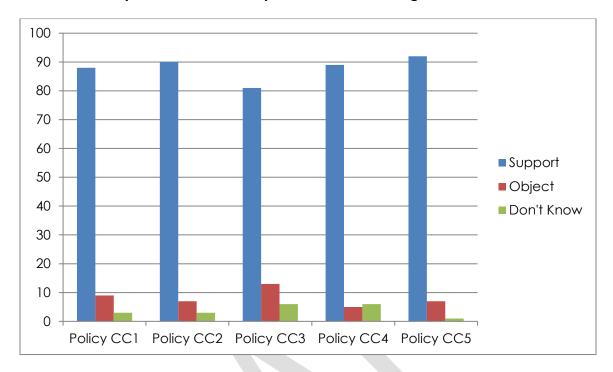
Support for:

- housing polices, in particular addressing affordability issue
- conserving and enhancing landscape and heritage
- safeguarding community facilities

Concerns about:

- The scale and location of housing
- The future of the high street
- Poor public transport, car parking and traffic congestion
- the level of protection for the environment, in particular safeguarding and managing existing green spaces
- The loss of community facilities
- The lack of support for young people, especially employment

3.5 Summary of Consultation Responses - Climate Change



Support statements:

 Where respondees expressed support for the CC policies there was also a sense of urgency and a need for planning authorities, developers and businesses to scale up responses and ensure actions and ambitions were delivered.

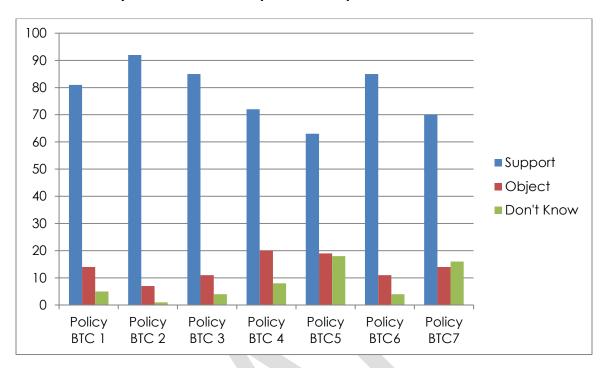
People were concerned about:

- A number of responses expressed scepticism regarding climate change and the need for a response.
- Lack of explanation for technical terms 'Merton Rule etc
- The need to be mindful of landscape/ aesthetics in promoting renewable energy in particular the number of listed properties and issues with the installation of energy efficiency measures.
- Concerns about policy conflicts. An example being, calling for higher standards of energy efficiency/ renewable included in new housing and the need to keep homes 'affordable' for local people.

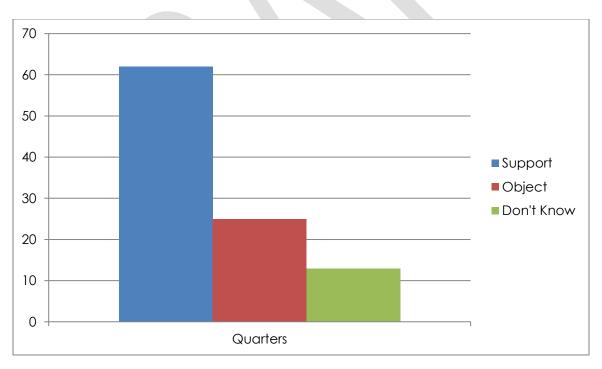
Selected comments

"Bridport is a forward-thinking town. The climate change policies listed here express a common sense approach and clear understanding of what will be required and why, for the enablement of a sustainable neighbourhood" — "A lot of fine words. However they need to be achieved and maintained - not watered down " — "Far too much emphasis on climate change, I am a believer but there are more important pressing issues for Bridport viz lack of social housing".

3.6 Summary of Consultation Responses - Bridport Town Centre



Proposal for Town Centre Quarters



Support expressed for:

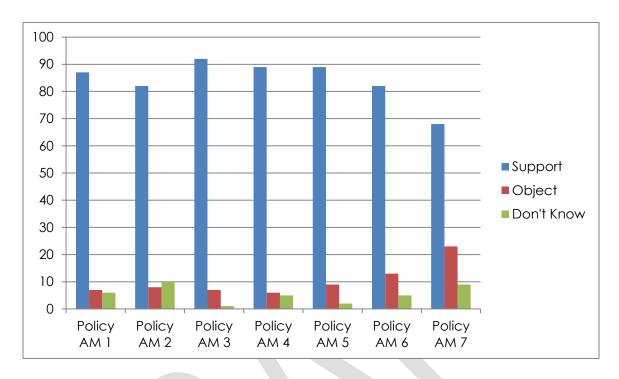
- Bridport Town Centre is a special place. It is important and in many ways unique. It
 hosts an amazing number of community, arts and music events. The plan seeks to
 protect the things that make Bridport special and promotes good design which is in
 keeping with existing architect.
- Safeguarding the Bus station and Ropewalks sites car parking is a massive issue and an
 increasing problem as the large amount of planned development hits the town over the
 next 10 years.

Concerns expressed about:

- Currently all that is being expanded is the cafe culture. We need businesses/facilities which encourage the involvement of young people.
- Most commercial properties are not owned by the operators, and therefore it is difficult
 to see how they can be persuaded to improve their properties when they are more
 interested in rental income than the need to be aesthetically pleasing.
- Maintaining the quirky nature of Bridport is vital to its future success so supporting the
 art business sector is important BTC6 preserve Bridport in aspic and does not allow any
 evolution. Whilst I support maintaining the style and character of Bridport, change and
 evolution must be allowed.
- The plan is weighted too heavily in favour of cyclists and pedestrians, that concentrating so heavily on these will result in motorists being deterred from coming into Bridport.
- The St Michael's quarter needs not to emphasise the current preponderance of Antiques
 dealers, because these are a fashion and may already be fading. Instead it is the ability
 of the area to support local small businesses, traders, artisans and crafts which should
 be the focus. "Artisan" may be a better word.
- Under Bridport Town Centre Quarters reference is made to Gateways to Bridport
 However the Northern gateway is not mentioned. It is a very important gateway to the
 town which has been much damaged by the architecture of the Travis Perkins and Lidl
 buildings.
- Appropriate use for town centre shops should include and A5 uses in addition to A1, A2, A3, and A4.
- A blanket ban on the enlarging or merging of shops risks reducing the range and quality
 of shops in the town centre and affecting its vitality and viability. This policy should be
 deleted and each case judged on its merits.
- A new policy required to prevent the use of internal illumination of shopfront signs throughout Bridport. We consider that this should now be incorporated into a written policy as part of Policy BTC6(c)(2), suggested as follows: Proposals for internal illumination of shopfront signs will not be supported

Selected comments: "Bridport must develop, the world does not stand still but any development must be sympathetic with the town as it is and not be to the detriment of it's appeal" – "The emphasis on small, independent and unique businesses to retain the character of the town. Also the emphasis on retaining a link to the history of Bridport whilst being modern and relevant. We do not want to resist change to the point of dying."- "Just following a mantra for pedestrianisation and pushing traffic problems away" - "somewhere to the edges of the town" – "Okay, but not inspiring nor particularly inspired. Why do we need Quarters?"

3.7 Summary of Consultation Responses - Access and Movement



Support expressed for

- To satisfy parking needs within Bridport today demands some radical action. Visitors to the town centre should be catered for by a fully 'serviced' transport hub at the present coach station off West Street.
- We welcome in general terms the focus throughout the plan on improving facilities for walking, cycling and public transport provision thereby reducing the reliance on the private car.

Concern raised about:

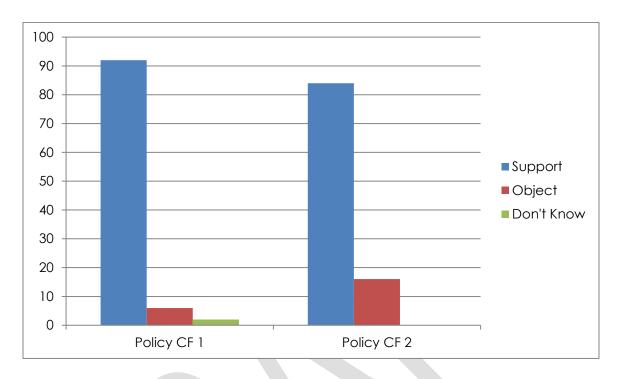
- The emphasis on pedestrians and cyclists is misguided and should not be the essential focus of changes to the town centre.
- No mention in the text of the cycle way from Maiden Newton to Bradpole important longer link. Needs pushing to achieve.
- Additional measures to support the use of electric cars and buses should be considered, including priority parking spaces. A more ambitious approach is needed over the longer term to remove all vehicle traffic from central Bridport.
- Note that the tourist nature of the town means that we get motorhomes coming into town and we need to provide parking so that they do not park on the town street.
- Importance of retaining existing, and possibly temporarily increasing, parking provision should be highlighted, as the loss of any parking areas in Bridport would cause a significant threat to the popularity and commercial success of Bridport as a thriving tourism destination town.

- The car parking strategy has to be to increase to cater for the existing needs and increased needs with planned developments. Make the developer of Vearse Farm pay for a park and ride scheme.
- It is said that the number of over 70s in the population will rise quickly in the next few years. There is scant mention of how this section of the community can be helped to remain an active force in the town. Alongside those walking and cycling we need provision for mobility scooters too.
- Connections from rural villages is important for people who don't drive getting to town for shopping, meeting friends or special days in Bridport is good for the community
- Need to include encouragement of car sharing schemes and bicycle hire facilities.
- The Bus Station is sometimes the first view visitors get of Bridport and needs to present a more welcoming, appropriate view of the town.
- Air quality. Bridport is choking on filthy traffic fumes. Due to non existent traffic
 management, cars sit nose to tail from the Town Hall to East Road and pollute as they
 do so. The chance to close off South Street and remove the signals at the Town Hall was
 an opportunity missed.

Selected comments:

"Reliable public transport is the key to a calmer town" – "Overall very sensible proposals but any restrictions on town centre traffic will result in vehicles using Skilling, Victoria Grove, N Allington etc as 'bypasses" - "Bridport has an ageing population who will not readily take to their cars and tourists will not arrive on bikes." – "More encouragement and facilities for cycling and walking are essential. There is an over reliance on car transport even in the town centre which detracts from the enjoyment of the area, creates pollution and results in traffic congestion" – "Need to resist making car parking the priority".

3.8 Summary of Consultation Responses - Community Facilities



Support expressed for:

- Protection of a range of community facilities, including Leisure and Arts Centres.
- Value and importance of Bridport Leisure Centre vital for health and social welfare.

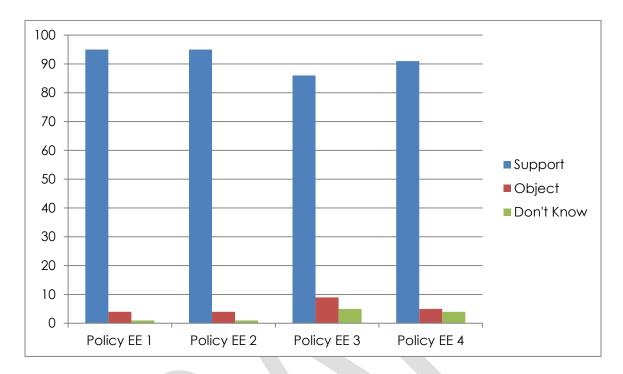
Concern raised about:

- No mention of value and importance of Allotments suggest a policy is drafted to extend protection and development of allotment gardens in the Town and Parishes.
- The capacity of community facilities to provide for a growing population.
- Funding of community facilities who pays?

Selected comments:

"This section would benefit from the inclusion of a forward vision for community facilities. This would enable a more objective judgement of identified need, against which development proposals can be judged".

3.9 Summary of Consultation Response - Economy and Employment



Support identified for:

- Policies that protect and promote employment, especially for young people...
- For safeguarding the small scale, independent retailers and local building trades

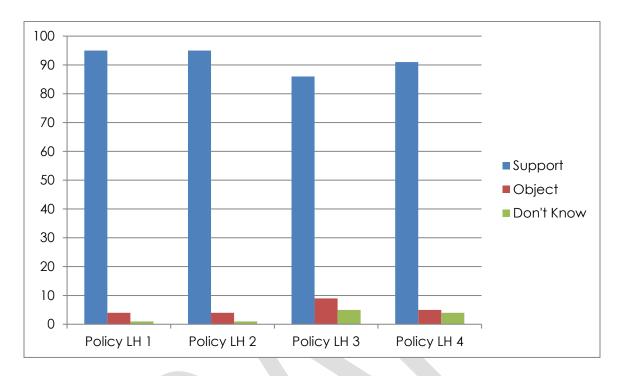
Concern raised about:

- Impact of tourism growth on infrastructure and maintenance of special character.
- St Michaels Trading Estate –both supporting the artisan quarter and for improving the area.
- The lack of affordable work space as well as housing.
- The document needs to address the training and skills needs of the local economy, in particular apprenticeship schemes to connect young people to work.

Selected comments:

"Encouraging employment must be at the heart of the NP and these policies seem to allow for flexibility in this regard" – "The best way to maintain the Bridport area as a popular tourist destination will be to protect the things that make Bridport special. This includes its vibrant arts and music scene, its historic buildings and architecture and its rural setting" – "Apprentice schemes need to be established by which experienced and skilled workers in Bridport Area can pass on these skills to younger people who then stay in the Area and become the future management of local businesses".

3.10 Summary of Consultation Responses -- Landscape & Heritage



Support expressed for:

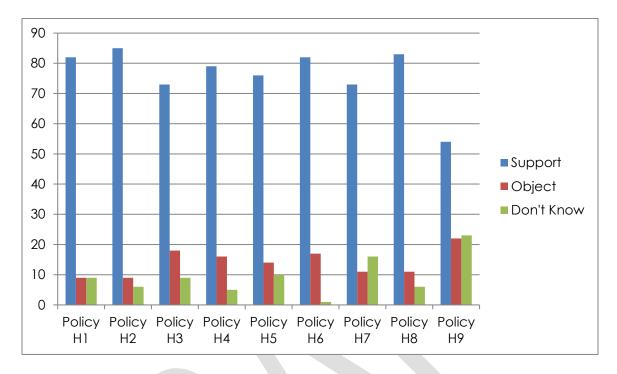
- Strong support for all Landscape and Heritage policies.
- Keep the parishes with their individual identities.

Concern raised about:

- Appears to be mostly landscape & little on heritage.
- No reference to utilising brownfield to protect the AONB landscape as described in the 2017 Housing White Paper.

Selected comments: "The green areas and hills around Bridport are extremely important both for the environment, for the health of residents, for wildlife and to maintain the unique beauty of our town." — "Whilst development is necessary, the affect of green spaces, natural areas and particularly quiet areas on the mental and physical health of the community cannot be over emphasised. Because the affect of the loss of these areas is not immediately noticeable, their necessity is often under estimated" — "All worth supporting but none are as important as building social housing in Bridport".

3.11 Summary of Consultation Responses - Housing



Support expressed for:

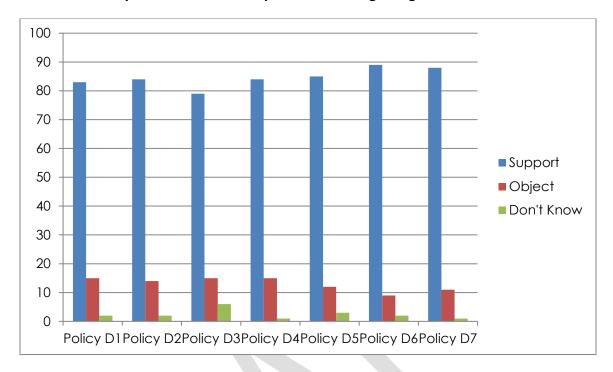
- Ensuring the required number of affordable houses are built on each development.
- I believe these policies will help towards housing those in most need. It's unfortunate that government policies do not allow the Neighbourhood Plan to go further.
- I welcome the inclusion of provision for self builders which could utilise and create employment for skilled local people.

Concern raised about:

- We urgently need an assessment of the number of empty residential properties in the town (ie above shops) and the potential for creating residential property in existing buildings within the town.
- Developers always seem to find ways around the minimum affordable/social housing standards, usually claiming 'viability'. This is unacceptable.
- Think more should be done to bring empty homes back into use.

Selected comments: "Affordable housing that is affordable to the younger members of our community is No 1 priority" - "Good thought and extensive consideration given to a difficult topic, especially in a region where wages are too low to sustain traditional concepts of 'affordable' housing" - "Excellent that the idea of 'balance' for the needs of the community is expressed and proactively supported".

3.12 Summary of Consultation Responses - Housing Design



Support expressed for:

- The control of lighting.
- Promotion of solar pv.

Concern raised about:

- Whether the design standards at Policy D1(c) are demonstrably suitable and appropriate.
- Whether the two-storey restriction at Policy D2(c) is appropriate in all cases, for example in the case of apartment buildings.
- Missing character descriptions of Bridport, West Bay, Symondsbury and Pymore.
- Whether it is appropriate for all new housing applications to have to demonstrate compliance with HAPPI. This is neither a national nor a local validation requirement and it is not a requirement of the adopted Local Plan.
- Whether BANP Design polices are compliant with Planning Guidance on the content of Design & Access Statements.

Selected comment:

"Although its nice to have houses blend in in must be said that quite a lot of our housing stock is quite ugly. Perhaps we should be a bit bolder and allow more interesting modern designs and a fresher way of looking at housing design" — "Important to avoid street 'clutter' from excessive signage, utilities and road markings. Encourage public art."

3.13 Summary of Consultation Responses - Actions and Projects:

Respondents were asked to identify top three projects. Projects gaining most support were:

Project number	Project / action	Responses support
15	Enable and support Community Land Trusts, self build and other innovative projects to provide social housing in perpetuity	17%
18	Prepare and maintain a register of brownfield sites in the Bridport Area including statement on the potential for housing development	7%
13	Support the development of the youth and community centre to a point where it is seen as a compelling offer	7%
3	Review of traffic speeds, infrastructure and signage in the area	7%
19	Support for the Community bus and public transport initiatives	6%
11	Support for 'climate' smart initiatives to encourage the community to reduce, reuse, repair , re cycle	5%
2	Set up a local design review panel	5%

Support expressed for:

Use of CIL funding for project being a good idea.

Concerns raised about:

• Many of the projects are bureaucratic and will not qualify for CiL funding under REG123 criteria. Who will pay for them?

Selected comments: "More 'pull factors' for young people (Nightlife, entertainment etc). Too many couples retiring and moving to Bridport and then objecting to everything because they want the quiet life. Young people have so little choice and opportunity here." — "I find these a weird mix and I suspect thrown together in a hurry".

3.15 Post Regulation 14 Consultation

Following assessment of the Regulation 14 consultation responses the BANP Steering Group undertook further work to strengthen the evidence base for the plan and re draft or add policies and policy text.

At this stage, with support from Locality, technical advice was provided by AECOM toward evidence base and policy development for the Town Centre and Housing sections of the BANP (see: AECOM report Jan 2019).

Further work to strengthen the evidence base for the final submission document was undertaken including; a retail floorspace survey of Bridport Town Centre (2019), a life stage modelling exercise (AECOM 2019) and updating of the Housing Needs Assessment (BANP 2019).

Appendix 1 – List of, JCC, SG and Theme Group members

BANP Joint Co	ouncils Committee membershi	p August 2018
lan Bark	Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council (Chair)	
Sarah Williams	Bridport Town Council	
Colin Baker	Bradpole Parish Council	
Amanda Streatfeild	Symondsbury Parish Council	
Phil Lathey	Allington Parish Council	
Community	Steering Group membership	August 2018
Phyllida Culpin	Chair	Community Facilities Lead
Richard Toft	Vice Chair	Climate Change Lead
Richard Nicholls		Environment Lead
Richard Freer		Access & Movement Lead
Sal Robinson		Landscape & Heritage
Debbie Bond	Chamber of Trade	
Rosie Mathisen		Town Centre/ Economy & Employment Lead
Sylvia Ainsley	Symondsbury PC	
Jim Tigg		Housing
Glenn Crawford		Housing

BANP Community Theme Group Membership 2015-2018				
Land Use	Sal Robinson – Maureen Jackson – Nick Gray – Horatio Morpurgo –Dominic Knorpel – Andrew Leppard – Gavin Fry Susan Fry			
Housing	Jim Tigg – Glenn Crawford – Phyllida Culpin - Anna Lovell – Ellie Farmer - Celia Marsh - Tim Crabtree – Roy Mathiesen - Monica King			
Environment	Richard Nicholls – Sal Robinson - Nick Gray – Bob Driscoll – Brian Wilson – Sylvia Stafford – Celia Marsh- Horatio Morpurgo			
Climate Change	Richard Toft – Raja Jarrah- Sam Wilberforce			
Bridport Town Centre	Rosie Mathisen – Brian Wilson – Debbie Bond			
Economy	Rosie Mathisen - Brian Wilson - Caroline Meredith			
Transport	Richard Freer – Colin Divall – Bob Driscoll - Anna Lovell – John Collingwood – Rose Chaney			
Community Facilities	Phyllida Culpin – Anna Lovell – Sal Robinson			

Appendix 2 - Public notice to statutory bodies and landowners

Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Planning General Planning Regulations 2012)

On behalf of the qualifying body, I am pleased to present the pre-submission consultation version of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. This is a formal process we are required to undertake prior to submission of the neighbourhood plan to West Dorset District Council. The Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by Bridport Town Council and its partner parish councils and it covers issues such as climate change, landscape, housing, access, movement, and design, amongst others. Please refer to the plan for further details.

Details of where and when the neighbourhood plan may be inspected are as follows:

- Electronic copies can be obtained from: https://www.vision-2030.co.uk/consultation-2018/
- Print copies can be viewed or obtained on request by email to DDixon@bridport-tc.gov.uk
- Print copies can be viewed or obtained on request by calling 01308 456722

Details of how to make representations:

- Through an online survey accessed via this link: http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MU0KG/
 where questions are asked about each individual policy
- Hard copy questionnaire available on request by email to <u>DDixon@bridport-tc.gov.uk</u>
- By post to David Dixon, Project Manager, Bridport Town Council, Mountfield, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3JP.

Closing date for representations:

• The date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first publicised. Therefore, please submit all representations by 17:00 on Friday 7th September 2018.

An email copy of this letter was sent to Trevor Warrwick, the neighbourhood planning officer at West Dorset District Council, and a hard copy of the plan has also been submitted to West Dorset District Council, as required by the regulations.

Yours sincerely

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David Dixon

Project Manager on behalf of Bridport Town Council, the qualifying body.

