

# Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan

## Response Form



**South Somerset  
District Council**

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- The Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan now been formally submitted to South Somerset District Council who are legally required to undertake public consultation.
  - Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan.
  - Please return this form by **midnight on 8 July 2022**.
- Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

### Completed Forms should be returned:

- **By post** to the Planning Policy Team, South Somerset District Council at the address above
- **By e-mail** to: [planningpolicy@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southsomerset.gov.uk)

### Part A- Contact Details

Personal Details	Agent's Details* (if applicable)
<b>Name:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Agent Name:</b>
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<b>Postcode:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Postcode:</b>
<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Email:</b>
<b>Tel:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Tel:</b>
<b>Signature:</b> [REDACTED]	<b>Date:</b> 29/6/22

*\*If an agent is appointed, please fill in your name and the full contact details of the agent. Where an agent is used, the agent will be the point of contact.*

*Please note that representations should be attributable to named individuals or organisations at a postal address. We are required to send comments received in full to the Examiner, but we won't be placing the comments on the Council's website. Comments will be kept for three months from when the plan is formally made. Any personal contact details received will otherwise only be used by the District Council to keep the respondent informed of the Neighbourhood Plan's progress. A summary of any representations received will be published on the Council's Website. Respondents should take care that their comments could not be traced back to them and to not reveal any identifying factors in their statements.*

**Please confirm you give your consent to the above use of your contact details. Please Tick**

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### Part B – Your Comments

<p><b>1. To which proposed section or policy does your representation relate?</b></p> <p>Please use a separate form for each section or policy you wish to comment on.</p>	<p><u>For Office Use Only</u></p> <p>Ref:</p>
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**Policy ILM12 'Amount and location of new homes' should be reinstated**

**2. Please outline your comments below (continue on an additional sheet if necessary)**

The NPDG promised the residents of Ilminster the opportunity to influence where development sites should be located and the number of homes on each site - this was a major part of the proposed INP. Only one site selection workshop was held, in 2019, and since that date no further site selection workshops were held despite major decisions by the NPDG to revise the site allocation assessment and introduce 'A' sites. Inevitably, major objections to proposals for Shudrick Valley (where the NPDG has disregarded all evidence from the Local Plan and planning appeal inspectors regarding landscape and heritage) were raised by the community at Reg 14 consultation. This resulted in all sites being removed from the INP. The community has now been denied the opportunity to influence where development sites should be located and number of homes allocated on each site - right up to 2040. Decisions will now be made about the future development of Ilminster by the new unitary authority which has only two members representing Ilminster out of 110. Again, this major change to the Plan was made without any consultation with the community. The Plan should not go to Referendum until the policy ILM12 is reinstated based on the Reg 14 community responses. Ilminster residents deserve the right to be fully engaged in the plan making process and truly influence and determine the future development of the town to safeguard the areas which are of special importance to the community. The INP should protect areas like Shudrick Valley. The evidence from the Local Plan Inspector and Planning Appeal Inspector regarding Shudrick Valley has been ignored throughout the NP process by the NPDG. Shudrick Valley should not be developed but should be offered protection through the Neighbourhood Plan for future generations to enjoy the beautiful landscape and historic setting, with abundant wildlife.

**3. What Changes would you suggest should be made to the Plan?**

ILM12 development sites policy should be re-instated based on the responses made by the community during Reg 14 consultation. Shudrick Valley should not be developed but protected by the INP.

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**Future Progress of the Neighbourhood Plan for North Cadbury and Tarrington**

Please indicate if you wish to be notified about subsequent progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, including when the District Council makes a decision about 'making' the plan (under Regulation 19), by ticking here. **We will contact you by e-mail only unless you request otherwise.**