

Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan Response Form

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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

Part A- Contact Details

Personal Details	Agent's Details* (if applicable)
<p>Name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Organisation: <i>If Applicable</i></p> <p>Address: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Postcode: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Email: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Tel: [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Agent Name:</p> <p>Company Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Postcode:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>Tel:</p>
<p>Signature: [REDACTED]</p>	<p>Date: 14/6/2022</p>

**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 Box

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Part B – Your Comments

<p>1. To which proposed section or policy does your representation relate?</p> <p>Please use a separate form for each section or policy you wish to comment on.</p>	<p>For Office Use Only</p> <p>Ref: _____</p>
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Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 16 consultation

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

I am opposed to the Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan following the removal of all sites after the Reg.14 consultation. The Plan should not go to a Referendum unless it has been revised to include development sites (not including Shudrick Valley - see below) following proper consultation with the community, taking into account the aim to provide residents the opportunity to influence development sites and the number of dwellings. There is no shared vision for the future of Ilminster because of a serious lack of consultation and the community not being kept up to date or properly engaged during the process so far.

I specifically oppose any further building on Shudrick Valley.

Independent Planning Inspectors have ruled against building on Shudrick Valley. Insofar as there is a shared vision, *"the majority are opposed to the Shudrick Valley site"* (Ilminster Neighbourhood Plan, Regulation 14 consultation report 8/10/2021 page 61).

It is incomprehensible that there should be any continuing thought of building on Shudrick Valley.

Shudrick Valley is a beautiful natural environment and much valued by local residents. It includes high-grade agricultural land which is farmed. There is no sense in destroying forever the natural beauty. There is no sense in losing the benefit of high-grade agricultural land, particularly given the need for food security. To build on the valley would aggravate existing flooding problems for the town centre (which will worsen with climate change) and inevitably aggravate traffic conditions on roads in the town centre and along Townsend / Long Orchard Hill.

If homes need to be built then there are other more suitable sites around the town. This includes the brown field eye-sore at the other end of town which ought to be prioritised for building.

Good common sense must prevail if confidence in local democracy is to be sustained.

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

Development sites should be re-instated based on the responses made by the community during the Regulation 14 consultation, a majority of whom were against development on Shudrick Valley.

Future Progress of the Neighbourhood Plan for Ilminster

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.**