

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: 08/07/22</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. X

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Part B – Your Comments

1. To which proposed section or policy does your representation relate? <i>Please use a separate form for each section or policy you wish to comment on.</i>	<u>For Office Use Only</u> Ref:
2. Please outline your comments below (continue on an additional sheet if necessary)	
<p>Please could you explain why a separate meeting was held with Dillington Estates?</p> <p>The County Council is a major landholder whose retained Core Donyatt Estate surrounding Ilminster has been retained for strategic reasons. Next Year, the new Unitary Council will succeed the Districts and county and will thus become the LPA. In theory, it could grant itself permission to develop its own landholdings, notably Greenway Farm and Canal Way phase 2.</p> <p>Why was no meeting arranged with the County Council whose actions could have a fundamental impact on Ilminster's future well being?</p> <p>Will the updated census data be used (2021 data was very recently released) to update the assumptions and evidence base that underpins it?</p>	
3. What Changes would you suggest should be made to the Plan?	

More attention to the value of hedgerows as these seem to be overshadowed by emphasis on tree planting, yet hedgerows provide screening, stockproof boundaries and a valuable source of cover and food for small mammals and birds.

A preference for which site allocations needs to be indicated.

Ilminster has two major landowners in Dillington Estates and Somerset County Council (soon to be Unitary). Despite selling its farms, the County still has a considerable land holding around Ilminster which it has retained for strategic reasons. Both these landowners seek to maximise development opportunities for optimum estate values. Concrete provides a better return to a landowner than cows or corn ever will.

The impact of flooding, section 19 report due soon, needs to be taken into account, especially in regard to updating site assessments and flood infrastructure needs.

Has any account been taken of the growth of housing in Ilminster's surrounding villages as the villages look to Ilminster for services and facilities and this has an impact on infrastructure requirements?

The INP needs to be mindful of the proposals for the A358 dialling proposals and the proposals for walking, cycling and Horseriding routes. It would be a shame to miss any opportunities for Ilminster's proposals to link in with these and provide safe WCHR route to link Ilminster to Horton, Broadway and Donyatt.

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.**

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