



KNIGHTSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Regulation 16 Consultation

Monday 2 December 2024 until Monday 27 January 2024

Response Form

The proposed Knightsford Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. The neighbourhood plan and supporting documentation can be viewed on Dorset Council's website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/knightsford-neighbourhood-plan>

Please return completed forms to:

Email: NeighbourhoodPlanning@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Post: Spatial Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park,
Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Deadline: End of Monday 27 January 2024. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

Part A – Personal Details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. By submitting this response form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the independent examiner and available for inspection. Your information will be retained by the Council in line with its retention schedule and privacy policy (www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.

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**If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.*

Part B – Representation

1. To which document does the comment relate? *Please tick one box only.*

X	Submission Plan
	Consultation Statement
	Basic Conditions Statement
	Other – please specify:-

2. To which part of the document does the comment relate? *Please identify the text that you are commenting on, where appropriate.*

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	
Section	4.3.4
Policy	14
Page	

3. Do you wish to? *Please tick one box only.*

X	Support
	Object
	Make an observation

4. Please use the box below to give reasons for your support or objection, or to make your observation.

The Ramblers works to help everyone to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of walking, and to enhance and protect the places where people walk. As walkers we understand the importance of our environment for the health and wellbeing of all. We are committed to encouraging and supporting walking, protecting and expanding public rights of way and access land, and protecting the beauty of the countryside and other areas.

The Ramblers fully supports and warmly welcomes the strong support for the prioritisation of walking, cycling and horse riding which is set out in Policy 14, and the commitment to improvements to the network which is set out in Project 3 since these reflect our own charitable objectives.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.

We have a few comments on matters of detail.

In paragraph 4.3.4, there is mention 'footpaths' in developments, we think this should read 'footways' (i.e. pavements). Footways are not the same as footpaths.

Our remaining comments all relate to Table 3.

Tinleton to Moreton Station:

1: Ramblers supports this idea. The new footpath being offered as part of the new quarry application is to be welcomed as it fills a gap in the network. We Have suggested (in our comments on the application) that it should be made a bridleway which would allow for its use by horse riders and cyclists as well as pedestrians, subject to suitable width and surfacing. However, we suggest that the question of the treatment of public rights of way within the existing quarry at Woodsford should be mention, with a view to securing improvements.

1.1: Ramblers supports the designation of Watery Lane as a quiet road but we think that the Neighbourhood Plan should also draw attention the fact that there are definitive footpaths to the west of that lane which are not currently available to the public: they cannot be located on the ground and include a missing footbridge over the Frome. We strongly recommend that the fact that these paths cannot be used should be mentioned in the plan and that Dorset Council should be encouraged to resolve the situation.

4: West Knighton to Crossways

We assume that the "re-opened footpath" is FP S51/8 which had been closed without lawful authority for some considerable time. We agree that it should be upgraded to bridleway status, subject to the provision of a suitable width and surfacing to permit safe shared-use. (At present it is narrow and very muddy, verging on unusable unless wearing boots.) We believe that it was part of the Silverlakes' plan for such a link to be made: we have a plan of the final layout of paths for the site (dated 2012) which indicated that a linking bridleway was to be provided at this location and think that a landownership issue may have prevented it happening so far.

5 Broadmayne, West Knighton to West Stafford We fully support the provision of a shared-use route between Broadmayne and West Knighton/West Stafford and then on to Dorchester. What is needed alongside designating D21314 and D21321 as quiet lanes is an improved crossing of the West Stafford bypass (signage to warn drivers of walkers / horse riders / cyclists crossing and/or a Pegasus crossing).

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6. Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan? *Please tick one box only.*

X	Yes
	No

Signature: _____

Date: 10th December 2024

If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.