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Important - Dorset Local Plan Consultation 2025

Dear Resident

The Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation for August 2025 aims to address development needs in Dorset over the next 17 years.

**Purpose and Scope**

- **Development Needs:** The plan addresses housing shortages, economic growth, infrastructure delivery, environmental conservation, and climate change mitigation.
- **Consultation Period:** Open from August 18 to October 13, 2025, with feedback sought on proposed strategies and opportunity sites.

The following links for viewing and downloading documents should prove helpful:

1. [The Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation](#) for August 2025 on the Dorset Council website
2. [Main consultation document](#)
3. [Map and details for the Furzehill area](#) (incorrectly included in the Wimborne and Colehill area)
4. [Maps x2 and details for the actual Wimborne and Colehill area](#)

**The Furzehill Situation - document (3) above**

The Furzehill area currently contains approximately 202 homes. Dorset Council Planning has identified five areas within the parish of Holt which have been suggested for future development and another, the old East Dorset Council site, which is already proposed for redevelopment. Taken together, these suggestions would add a further 711 new homes to the Furzehill area within Holt Parish.

NB. In each case Dorset Council has incorrectly stated the parish/settlement to be Wimborne/Colehill. In fact, all sites are clearly in Holt Parish.

The sites and their codes are as follows and both are shown on the [map](#). The estimated number of homes and the land designations are:

- [LA/HOLT/002](#)  
Jades Farm : 151 homes - Green Belt
- [LA/COLE/019,023,024/a](#)  
Land south west of Smugglers Lane - 118 homes - Green Belt
- [LA/COLE/020](#)  
Walford Farm & Longhow (East), Horns Inn, Burts Hill - 163 homes - Green Belt
- [LA/COLE/018](#)  
Walford Farm & Longhow (West) – 82 homes - Green Belt
- [LA/COLE/032](#)  
Land to the west of Cranborne Road – 157 homes - Green Belt
- [LA/COLE/022](#)  
East Dorset Council Offices – 40 - Brownfield site; incorrectly noted by DC as being Green Belt

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**Suggested action**

It is anticipated that many residents will wish to make representations to the consultation on these proposals. There are several issues which arise, and a range of potential objections to the sites themselves. The FRA Committee is compiling a list of these to help individual residents decide which they find most important. I shall write again soon with this, so you may wish to delay expressing your opinions until then.

Kind regards

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Secretary  
Furzehill Residents Association