

Evidence Ref	Responder	Site or Area of interest	Brief Details of response	Date	Post consultation consideration	Accepted	Justification
1	Mr House	Allotment Land	Objects to being registered as green space	19.10.22	Further contact made with Mr House to ask for clarification on the comments. Feedback was that should Puriton allotments cease to be, he doesn't want any restrictions on what the land can be used for (e.g. livestock, crop growing, or building)	Yes	The allotments are designated in the Local Plan as Informal Outdoor Space, policy D33. See policy map to the right. Policy D33 states: Protection of Existing Public Recreational Outdoor Space, Development which would result in the loss of or negatively impact on formal or informal recreational outdoor space will not be permitted unless: a. A replacement facility of equivalent sports and/or recreation benefit is made available; or b. The proposed development provides sports and/or recreation facilities of greater benefit than the long-term recreational value of the open space that would be lost; or c. An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the land to be surplus to requirements. We feel this gives adequate protection to the land as identified by the residents via the questionnaire.
2	Avon and Somerset Police	Consider crime and disorder at planning stage	Make reference to 'secured by design' in policy BNE1	11.11.22	Policy reviewed and feedback incorporated	Yes	Policy BNE1 to align with NPPF (July 2021) paragraphs 92, 97 & 130, and Policy D2 of Sedgemoor Local Plan
3	Somerset Badger Group	Protected species	Consider protected species including badgers at planning stage	13.11.22	Feedback accepted	Yes	Appropriate for the request to be incorporated into the Puriton NP.
4	Historic England	Need to consider an SEA	Recommendation to use their guidance on SEAs on their website	26.11.22	Followed up with Andrew Reading of SDC to request screening opinion. The NP will hopefully be able to rely on the 'higher level' SEA environmental report already done as part of the Local Plan.	Yes	Appropriate for the request to be incorporated into the Puriton NP.
5	SCC Minerals and Waste	Minor changes to wording and referencing new Unitary Council from April 2023	Suggestion to reflect that development comprises the Sedgemoor Local Plan, the Somerset Mineral Plan, the Waste Core Strategy Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. Also reference the Mineral and Waste Plans in the Introductory section before para 1.1. and that also note name of Mineral and Waste Planning Authority, rather than Somerset County Council from April 2023. Within Chapter 6, reference is made to Dunball Wharf but note that it is currently non-operational.	16.11.22	Feedback accepted	Yes	Appropriate for the requests to be incorporated into the Puriton NP
6	National Grid	Infrastructure ownership confirmed	Map and accompanying letter of their network confirming assets and process to consider for any planning applications	01.11.22	Feedback accepted	Yes	No changes needed as this will be considered as part of any future planning applications

7	Sport England	Improving access to areas for physical activity	Request that the NP reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99.	01.11.22	Feedback accepted	Yes	No changes needed to draft policies
8	Wessex Water	Efficient use of water policy and SUD's	Comments on Policy H5, BNE1 and BNE2.	30.11.22	Feedback accepted	Yes	No changes needed to draft policies
9	Public Health Somerset	School parking	Concerns about identifying an area for dedicated school parking. Suggestion to restrict vehicle access to those streets at the relevant times instead.	07.11.22	Policy retained as evidence from questionnaire demonstrated throughout that parking and traffic an issue around school drop off/pick up times.	No	Fedback concerns raised to Puriton Parish Council who will work with local stakeholders to address issues, and increase options for walking and cycling to school.
10	D S Bell	Former quarry footpaths	We have no objections in principle to the Former Quarry being designated as a Local Green Space. Clarity needed in maps of the public footpath running across this land.	14.10.22	Agreement that the map is to be amended.	Yes	No objections to the LGS designation has been noted in the response from the landowner
11	Pegasus Group - Land by school	Report on school neighbouring land, housing site	Want the area marked in the draft plan, reserved for future school development, allocated in the NP for housing and they'll consider offering a small parcel for the school in the planning application.	05.12.2022	Puriton doesn't need to allocate additional sites as per SDC note in evidence #18. NPSG representatives to have meeting with Education authority to discuss further, and obtain guidance on LEA views. This site did not come forward in the call for sites so it was not considered, but are now proposing houses on this land and offering the school half a hectare of land for their use.	No	After meeting with the LEA, the NPSG has agreed to amend policy wording to make it more flexible for range of school land uses on-site, and to extend the safeguarded area to accommodate a net area of around 1.5ha This is to protect land should proposals for the new school at Gravity not happen and / or should the school need additional classrooms and / or playing field space whether or not the new school goes ahead.

12	Naomi Morgan GTH re. Downend Fields.	Downend field	The land is in private ownership, acknowledgement that a public right of way runs across the land, the right to a view is not a material planning consideration, BNE5 does not demonstrate how the land holds local importance, and there is strong potential for development of the land.	05.12.2022	Each point considered and discussed with the consultant.	No	Land is in private ownership: this bears no relevance as to whether a piece of land can be assigned as LGS in a NP. Right to a view: the NP does not have to consider material planning matters as this will be undertaken when a planning application is made Land does not hold local importance: evidence gathered from NP questionnaire in 2019 identifies Downend fields as an area of green space which the residents would like to see protected (Sect 4: Q26) Opportunity to develop land: not a valid consideration for LGS policy creation within the NP
13	National Highways	Reference to Policy B16 'Transport' of the adopted Sedgemoor Local Plan	Satisfied that the proposed Plan policies are in accordance with the overarching adopted Local Plan and have no specific comments to make.	05.12.2022	Feedback accepted	Yes	No changes needed to draft policies
14	Local Education Authority	Safeguarding land for school	Response welcomed the safeguarding land, and suggested additional land be safeguarded for future school expansion as a contingency for the Gravity site development. Change wording of Policy LFA3 to allow greater flexibility of use for school "...or other needs as identified for education purposes"		This supports the aspiration to safeguard the land around Puriton Primary School. Changes to wording as suggested accepted.	Yes	Appropriate for the request to be incorporated into the Puriton NP. See #11.
15	Flooding and Water Management	Importance of flood risk and existing flood defence systems in place	Suggest changes to policy BNE2, HTA1, HTA2, LFA1, BNE1, BNE5. Important that any proposals are sensitive to flood risk and the existing flood defence systems within the Parish. This may include a review of the detailed flood risk and flood defence information from the Environment Agency, or details of surface water flooding from the LLFA for each site where a planning application is made.		These validity of these suggestions have been accepted and the NP policies to be amended to incorporate the suggested intent.	Yes	Appropriate for the request to be incorporated into the Puriton NP.
16	Network Rail	Comments regarding level crossings and the planning process	General comments re: consulting with Network Rail when considering a planning application near Huntspill (UWCT) MLN1, or Dunball (Public Footpath Crossing) MLN1		This is covered under policies and deliberations to be made by SDC if an application is made.	No	There is nothing relevant to these comments in the Puriton neighbourhood Plan.

17	Gravity	Gravity Campus area	Range of concerns inc (but not limited to) the impact of the LDO, the 37 Club, locally valued views and suggested changes to wording		SDC have responded to the comprehensive feedback given by Stantec on behalf of Gravity, and we have accepted their guidance and suggested amendments.	Yes	SDC have reviewed the responses from Gravity, and we have adopted all their suggestions into the NP.
18	Principal Planning SDC	Review of full draft NP	Plan is well thought and constructed. Amendments suggested for consideration.		All comments have been reviewed and the guidance accepted into the NP.	Yes	We've accepted all the comments and feedback and these have been included into the NP.
19	Pegasus Group - Land behind Puriton Park	Object to land behind Puriton Park being designated as Local Green Space	Objection based mainly on no evidence to the following points: a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves, b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.		Formal notification of the draft consultation was sent on 3rd Oct 2022 to SDC, as we believed they owned this parcel of land. SDC did not notify us of this error and the draft consultation went ahead. The receipt of this objection demonstrates that an appropriate process has been followed and the error made caused no detriment to the landowners. Reviewed data from questionnaire: 5% identified this space as important to them for exercise (70%), wildlife & nature (90%), dog walking (60%), countryside views (90%), foraging (45%) and recreation & play (40%). There is some public access at the eastern corner and is used by residents as a utility green space. General comments from the questionnaire included: "No building between new bypass and village and this should be protected green space with trees to reduce noise and pollution", "When the new bypass road is built to the south of the village it would be good to protect the area between Puriton Park/Cypress Drive and the new road from housing development" and "Maintain a green corridor around the village". The Design Code also recommends (pg 25) "EN. Environment. Protect the area between Puriton Park/Cypress Drive and the new road from housing development"	No	Evidence from the residents is robust enough to retain this parcel of land under the LGS policy.
20	Mark Richard GTH	Springhead Farm	Object to Springhead Farm orchard being considered as being a biodiverse area and ask it be removed from the policy section.	05.12.2022	Searched the Magic Maps, SERC information and Design Codes document but could not find this site referenced. We can only find it mentioned twice in the questionnaire results.	Yes	The NPSG welcomes the comments made and it was useful that the respondent has signposted Local Plan policy D20. A full review of responses and other evidence has been helpful to reaffirm that all other sites proposed under this policy are worthy of protection. We have added, as a result, additional reference to the source of the areas identified on the revised map. Removed from this policy.

21	Donna Collier Savills re. Knowle Estate	Puriton woods	Two of the proposed LGS's indicated in the Draft NP. There is limited public access to the sites (one PRoW), and recent inspections have reported that the sites do not present characteristics which would result in rich biodiversity. Development opportunities for both sites is likely to be limited and small in scale, and the proposed designation is not necessary, being covered adequately by either controls, and would be overly-onerous in preventing development. The designation of both of these sites as a LGS does not align with the intended purposes of this particular planning tool.	05.12.2022	Public right of way, enjoyment of PRoW would be diminished if developed. Development potential is limited. We're concerned about the counter comments; one saying the development is likely to be limited followed by another saying the policy is overly onerous to development. The importance of this land (the woods) came through strongly in the questionnaire so it's very important to the local community.	No	Very robust evidence drawn from the questionnaire with 25% of respondents quoting this area as needing designation as a LGS. Of these 71% use it for exercise, 79% use it for dog walking and to be near wildlife and nature, 77% appreciate the countryside views, 48% use it for recreation and play with 45% forage there (respondents could make multiple selections).
22	Environment Agency	Consider impact on flood risk	Suggestion for the NP to have more detail on SUDs, reference impact of Climate Change, and consider the opportunity to deliver multi functional benefits		Feedback accepted	Yes	Appropriate for the request to be incorporated into the Puriton NP.
23	Canals and Rivers Trust	Canals within boundary	No canals within the Parish boundary so no comments	25.11.22	No action needed	Yes	No feedback given
24	SDC	Planning	Additional comments re: Gravity feedback		Considered as reference at #17	Yes	See #17
25	Natural England	Natural environment within the Parish and reflected in the NP policies	Welcome the importance given to the protection of the natural environment within Puriton Parish – this is well reflected through the Neighbourhood Plan, and specifically in Policies BNE3, BNE4 and BNE5 (and accompanying maps) relating to locally valued landscapes and views; areas of biodiversity, geodiversity and habitats, and		No action needed	Yes	No changes to be made



