

New Milton Neighbourhood Plan Pre Submission Version Hampshire County Council Response – May 2018	
Subject / Theme	Object / Support / Comments Reasons (Including Proposed Changes / Amendments)
Transport & Accessibility Policy NM8	<p>Hampshire County Council as the local Highway Authority note that the proposed neighbourhood plan seeks in its objectives to increase the number of commuting trips taken by those in the parish by sustainable and active modes which is supported. Encouraging more residents to use the rail station will contribute to reducing congestion and delays on the local and strategic road. Ensuring that there are good and accessible links (footways/cycleways) to the station will ensure that rail trips remain an attractive option for commuters, this is especially important in the case of new and existing residential areas and for attracting younger residents to the area.</p> <p>In respect of Policy NM8 – Transport and Accessibility. The principles of the policy are welcomed. It is suggested that perhaps some thought is given by the community into prioritising the key routes within the settlement for which if funding can be secured for improvement (linked to new development) will have the maximum benefit for the community and will encourage and support sustainable and active travel and improved access to key facilities and services.</p>
Policy NM4 – Gore Road Policy NM5 – Caird Avenue Hampshire Minerals and waste Plan (2013)	<p>Hampshire County Council as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority notes that the neighbourhood plan does take account of mineral operations in the area, but HCC take this opportunity to highlight to the Town Council the requirement to consider the implications of the policies contained within the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan (2013). Whilst this document is not included on the supporting evidence list, it does form part of the New Forest Local Plan.</p> <p>The need to consider the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is particularly important in relation to ‘Policy NM4 Gore Road’ as the Double H Nurseries on Gore Road is a safeguarded waste processing site. The residential development proposed in ‘NM4’ would need to take account of this existing facility. In addition, ‘Policy NM5 - Caird Avenue’ is a safeguarded mineral operation. The New Milton Sand and Ballast operation at Caird Avenue is of strategic importance in South West Hampshire. As the Mineral Planning Authority, HCC has concerns that the proposed new development could potentially prejudice future operations of the safeguarded mineral site. As such the County Council will need to be satisfied that any future development of this site area does not prejudice the operations of the existing safeguarded mineral site, so this will need to be considered as a strategic priority when master planning the site or as part of a planning application for development as per criteria d of the policy.</p>

Flood Risk

Hampshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) notes HCC were consulted on the draft Pre-submission plan in November 2017 which indicated that the plan deliberately avoids repeating existing national or local planning policies. In regard to this point, it is also noted that New Forest District Council are currently reviewing its local plan and Part One: Planning Strategy to be published later in 2018 will include an update on Policy CS6 Flood Risk.

Whilst the neighbourhood plan refers to the Phase 3 SFRA, recently published by New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority, which includes a detailed flood risk assessment and SUDs potential for each of the greenbelt sites allocated in the plan, HCC note that the neighbourhood plan still refers to the 2007 SFRA (in relation to Southern Water's records of historical flooding), however, this has also been updated (published in October 2017) by the district council and NPA. It would be helpful if the plan could clarify that the outcomes of the more recent published SFRA has also been taken into account.