

Borough of Poole Consultation Statement  
Responses to **Our Streets and Spaces** Draft Supplementary Planning Document

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<b>General Comments</b>						
1	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	General	Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Overall and taken together, the proposals have the potential to improve health of the population of the borough, and are therefore supported. The comments below, if taken on board in further revisions, should increase this 'health gain', and further help the Borough meet its obligations to improve health and well-being.	Contributes to achieving health and wellbeing of Poole's residents..	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
2	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Purpose of an SPD	PPS12, Paragraph 6.1 states that: 'A planning authority may prepare Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide greater details on the policies of its development plan documents.' Supplementary planning documents provide guidance on local <u>planning matters</u> . PAS advice on SPD production is to have clear reasons for producing the document but Section 1.4 indicates 9 aims and objectives. Perhaps the SPD is trying to do too much and thereby fails to do the really important thing which is to explain what it is local people, developers and agents need to do, what the Council's priorities are in the different development contexts within the Borough and thus what is 'uniquely Poole' about the direction provided by the SPD?	That government guidance states that planning authorities need to have clearly reasons for producing an SPD and the SPD's should give greater detail on existing planning policies.	Comments noted. PPS12 has been deleted and superseded by the NPPF. Notwithstanding this, the SPD has been amended to include a new section 4 which provides detailed guidance in the form of a checklist for users of the planning service.
3	Gary Parsons Planning Manager	Sport England	General	Thanks for inviting Sport England to comment on the 'Our Streets and Spaces' SPD. Sport England is the Government agency responsible for delivering the Government's sporting objectives. Maximising the investment into sport and recreation through the land use planning system is one of our priorities. You will also be aware that Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing fields.		Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
4	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	General	It is understood that the document links to <i>Poole's Infrastructure Programme, November 2011</i> (PIP) but that needs to be made much clearer in the SPD if that is its	General comment about the focus of the SPD on the Town Centre.	Comments noted. The SPD links to the Delivering Poole's Infrastructure DPD

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				<p>main focus. There are 11 Green Infrastructure &amp; Recreation priorities in the Programme, subject to BoP/Developer/CIL funding. The first of these is the Town Centre Strategic Open Spaces Project which is the responsibility of the Our Streets Our Spaces cross service working group. I understand that the Cross Service Working Group have prepared the Draft Our Streets and Spaces SPD which may therefore explain the apparent focus on the Town Centre.</p> <p>If <i>Our Streets and Spaces SPD</i> is solely about the Town Centre the title and content needs to say just that and the terms of reference need to be reigned in: if it is about the public realm opportunities across the Borough it needs further work and it cannot just rely on the technical manual (part 2) to follow.</p> <p>If it is a Borough-Wide, design/investment/assessment document, the SPD needs to clarify how the aims and objectives in S1.4 are going to be met, encouraged or prioritized and, evidence needs to be presented to justify a particular approach. Such evidence could consider, overlay or compare the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of Greatest Change Fig 1 Page 8</li> <li>• Poole Green Infrastructure Drawing Page 28</li> <li>• LTP3 priorities</li> <li>• Open Space deficiency by ward</li> <li>• The characterization study findings re public realm SWOT</li> <li>• The priorities in the PIP</li> <li>• The type of development coming forward in the different sub-areas</li> <li>• The potential for community-led initiatives.</li> </ul>		<p>but it is not the main focus. The aims and objectives of the SPD are clearly set out in Section 1.4.</p> <p>The SPD has been revised in Executive Summary and Scope to convey that the document applies across the whole geographical area of Poole and not just the Town Centre.</p> <p>Comments Noted.          Response: Section 1.6 addresses issues in the current form and is in accordance with Core Strategy Areas of Greatest Change and makes reference to it at Figure 1. Part 2 of Our Streets and Spaces is the manual that will provide detail to assist with design brief work.</p>
5	Michael Fearn	Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays)	General Comments relating to DM policies in the SSA&DM policies	We act as planning consultants for Barclays Bank plc ("the Bank") in respect of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Poole and made representations on	A2 uses contribute to the vitality and viability of the Town Centre.	Comments noted but outside the scope of this SPD.

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		Bank PLC)	DPD Those representations are also relevant to parts of the draft OSS SPD, in particular to some of the Guiding Aims set out in that document, and we ask that they are read by the recipient in the context of this response.	<p>the pre-Submission Site Specific and Development Management Policies DPD (SS&amp;DMP DPD) in May 2011. We criticised the approach taken towards A2 users such as the Bank in the Council’s frontage policies, on the basis that this was likely to work against the Council’s own aspirations for investment and improvement of the town centre and the Conservation Area. We also set out the Bank’s important contribution to vitality and viability of town centres, supported by evidence attached to our representations. The Council’s own photograph on page 21 of the OSS SPD is particularly interesting in further demonstrating the point that an A1 retailer’s shopfront presentation is not always as attractive as that of a service user.</p> <p>In summary, the Bank’s representations upon the SS&amp;DMP DPD stated that any suggestion of limiting the presence of financial service retailers in primary shopping frontages will not sit well with the Council’s intention to attract private sector investment in town centres. The Council’s stated aim in the OSS SPD that it wants its Core Strategy and various DPDs to be ‘aligned’ so as to co-ordinate investment and “<i>focus the allocation of resources</i>”. Pursuing restrictive policies to keep significant generators of footfall out of central shopping areas will actively work against the achievement of the Council’s objectives (such as “<i>Development Principle</i>” No. 19); will not address some of the problems identified in the Town Centre Heritage Character Statement, relating to issues such as lack of vitality and vacancy; and is inconsistent with national policy. In fact there is nothing in Government policy that recommends or supports imposing an embargo upon acceptable town centre uses at all.</p> <p>The Bank’s representations on the Development Management Policies DPD emphasised why banks are appropriate in all shopping frontages having moved</p>	Representation from past consultations	<p><b>No action required.</b> The SPD does not preclude A2 uses in asking for “active frontages”.</p> <p>Comment noted. <b>No action required.</b></p>

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				away from the traditional style of frontage preferring an open, visually interesting and attractive face to the 'high street', similar in appearance and operation to retail shops. This results in high levels of footfall and we explained that the Bank's 'flagship' design is an example of the "enhanced consumer choice through the provision of innovative and efficient shopping, leisure, tourism and local services in town centres" that Government Policy in PPS4 expects and to which the Poole's LDF Policies must also respond. We provided the Council with clear evidence from comparative footfall surveys of how the Bank's presence makes a major contribution to vitality and viability and such surveys have been a key element in helping to change attitudes elsewhere towards the presence of banks in core shopping areas and primary frontages. Our previous representations listed planning authorities that once strongly resisted Class A2 uses but have now granted permission for Barclays 'flagship' outlets.		
6	Gary Parsons Planning Manager	Sport England	Outline of the role of Sport England	<p>The New Sport England Strategy 2012-17 sets a challenge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See more people taking on and keeping a sporting habit for life</li> <li>• Create more opportunities for young people</li> <li>• Nurture and develop talent</li> <li>• Provide the right facilities in the right places</li> <li>• Support local authorities and unlock local funding</li> <li>• Ensure real opportunities for communities</li> </ul> <p>Sport England has considered the consultation draft in the light of Sport England's Planning for Sport &amp; Active Recreation: Objectives &amp; Opportunities (Interim Statement 2005).</p> <p>The overall thrust of the statement is that a planned approach to the provision of facilities and opportunities for sport is necessary in order to ensure the sport and</p>	Sport should be recognised as a key component of Local Plans.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b> Our Streets and Spaces SPD seeks to improve connections to facilities including walking and cycling.

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				recreational needs of local communities are met. Sport England believes that sport has an important role in modern society and in creating sustainable and balanced communities. Sport and physical activity is high on the Government's national agenda as it cuts across a number of current topics that include health, social inclusion, regeneration and anti social behaviour. The importance of sport should be recognised as a key component of local plans, and not considered in isolation.		
<b>Executive Summary</b>						
7	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Appendix 2 - Assessment Questionnaire	In a DM context – The Executive Summary states that <i>'spaces will be evaluated before and after development to ensure improvements have occurred, using the Assessment Questionnaire which will ensure that improvements to spaces are secured'</i> . To be effective at the design / planning stage, the SPD should say more about this (i.e. pre-application/application proposals of a certain scale or in key locations should include an assessment of the street and space context and should set out a proposed design rationale (in the DAS) using the Assessment Questionnaire as a design tool. The SPD should also explain what the implications are of a poor / average public realm evaluation.	A tool for planning service users at the design stage should be provided in the SPD.	Comments noted. The SPD has been amended to include a new section 4 to provide guidance and a checklist for users.
8	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	The Five Guiding Aims of Section 2 or the 22 development principles of Section 3	No one would argue against; the overall aim (from the web site) <i>'to create an environment that has better legibility, is safer and healthier to move about it in, is vibrant, functions well for all users and is greener and more sustainable in our changing climate'</i> , the 5 guiding aims of Section 2 or the 22 development principles of Section 3 but the SPD seems to lack focus and practical 'punch'.	Support for the guiding aims and development principles but greater clarification/focus for user.	Comments noted. New Section 4 to provide the guidance.
9	Chris Allenby	Poole Old Town Conservation Group	Aims and outcomes.	Supported and recognised as complying with policies in the Poole Core Strategy.	The SPD supports the Core Strategy	Comment noted. <b>No action required</b> .
10	Renny Henderson	RSPB	Aims	We note the SPD Aims set out within the Executive	Support for the Aim 5.	Comments noted. <b>No action</b>

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				Summary (pages (ii) and (iii)). We welcome Aim 5: To deliver sustainable greener public spaces.		required .
11	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Foreword and Five Aims	Content supported, aims and outcomes are agreed.	Support for content, aims and outcomes.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
<b>Section 1.1</b>						
12	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	General points expressed	Road improvements influence the way people interact. Giving priority to pedestrians is supported. Public access should not be reduced and increased where possible. Mixing pedestrians and cyclists isn't necessarily the most attractive option.	Continue to prioritise the pedestrian.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
13	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	"A town where materials are locally sourced (where possible)"	Comment- could be re-worded, e.g. "where planning priority will be given to use of local materials"	Building materials should be sourced locally	Text is sufficient in document. <b>No further action</b>
14	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	"A sustainable town where walking, cycling and public transport are accommodated" (p3)	Too weak, and not consistent with statement on p11. Should instead say "has priority".	Prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and public transport.	Comments noted. Small text change to bullet point on page 3.
15	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	"A healthy town where people can easily walk or cycle to the places they want to visit. " (p3)	Comment- strongly endorsed.	Public Realm should be cycle friendly.	Comment noted. <b>No action required.</b>
16	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Section 1.1 – Page 2	Despite the 4 reasons to 'care for ordinary spaces' (S1.1) and an indication that the scope of the document extends beyond the Town Centre and Regeneration Area (to include Major Local Centres, Prime Transport Corridors and the Rest of the Borough) (S1.5), the SPD seems to be very broad brush and feels (imagery etc.) like a response to the 'set piece' strategic / town centre sites and spaces rather than setting out aspirations for what might also be achieved in the important everyday spaces in between. Having set out aims and principles	Unclear how the document will be implemented through Development Management Process	Comments noted. Changes have been made to the SPD to include a New Section 4 to help contribute to achieving the Five Main Aims. Part 2 the Manual will provide greater detail on the remaining issues.

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				the document just finishes with Appendices and References. It is not clear how this document will be implemented through the DM process and how it will 'add value' to the assessment of development proposals.		
17	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Section 1.1 – page 3	Section 1.1 (page 3) identifies the outcomes following an investment in high quality public spaces. The list omits biodiversity, climate change and green infrastructure outcomes. All of which are realistic and possible outcomes of the adherence to this SPD. This appears to be a significant mismatch when viewed in the context of Aim 5.	Public Realm section should make explicit reference to biodiversity, climate change and green infrastructure to accord with Aim 5.	Comments noted. Text change to add these issues at section.1.1 of the SPD.
18	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Section 1.2 – page 4	Section 1.2 (page 4) sets the context for the SPD. We support the first paragraph of this section, but were surprised to see no explicit mention of the Harbour. Mention is made of Poole's 'maritime character' and the Quay – we would suggest it is the Harbour which sets that maritime context and should be explicitly referenced.	Context section should include reference to the harbour.	Comments noted. Text change to add harbour and seascapes to section 1.2.
<b>Section 1.2 Context</b>						
19	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Typo – 1.2 Context on page 4	Table of Housing Numbers "Rest of Borough" is 2,500 (not 1,500)	Typo	Comment noted. Minor text change made to housing number figures in table in section 1.2
<b>Section 1.3 Placeshaping</b>						
<b>Section 1.4 Aims/Objectives</b>						
20	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Initial comments - Is the 'Our Streets and Spaces SPD' on the web site missing some Chapters?	It sets out aims and objectives then goes straight to appendices! There is no evidential analysis, no indication of what Poole's planning / corporate / investment / design priorities are no geographical or development type scenarios and no explanation (other than it being a 'material consideration') how it should be used in DM practice to improve Poole. You might want to 'reset the clock on the consultation' if some chapters are missing from the pdf because there is no scope for a dialogue with the guts of the document missing?	Needs to be better explanation of how the SPD is to be used in practice.	Comments noted. Executive Summary states that the Poole Core Strategy and the evidence from the Borough of Poole Characterisation Study are the starting points for bringing forward the SPD. Section 1.3 Placeshaping identifies Poole's corporate commitments to delivering

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						successful public spaces. New section 2 will be a tool for applicants and agents to use to assist them in understanding how the Council wish to deliver good quality public realm improvements aside new development.
21	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Aims & Objectives – fifth bullet	High Street should be prioritised over the Regeneration Area due to its existing dilapidated appearance.	Important to deliver environmental enhancements to the High Street.	Comments noted. The High Street is part of the Town Centre and identified as an Area of Change as set out in the Aims and Objectives and the Scope, reflecting relevant policies contained in the Poole Core Strategy.
<b>Section 1.5 Scope</b>						
22	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men		It is unclear how the High Street will be treated as part of the proposed enhancement to the public realm. What is proposed for the A35 which affects so much of Poole? Upton roundabout needs attention.	High Street enhancements must be addressed in the SPD.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b> Poole Core Strategy policies PCS10, PCS11, PCCS14 demonstrate how the Town Centre Enhancements will be delivered together with guidance given in the emerging Town Centre Management Plan Conservation and Character Appraisal Management Plan. LTP3 sets out a prioritised programme of transport enhancement works. This is reflected in policy DM7 of the Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD.

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<b>Section 1.6 Funding, Delivery</b>						
<b>Section 2 Aim 1 To Create legible and interesting streets and spaces</b>						
23	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Create streets and places where people can meet to establish social networks and a sense of community (p10)	Comment- strongly endorsed.	Streets can help create a sense of community.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
24	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	“Provide as many routes and opportunities for walking and cycling for people to gain exercise” (p10)	Comment- strongly endorsed.	Streets can help provide opportunity for exercise	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
25	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Pedestrian movement must be given priority and opportunities will be taken to enhance the route network by removing clutter and improving the streetscape and lighting to enable easy, safe, pleasant and direct routes. Encouraging pedestrian movement and sustainable travel will also improve the health of Poole’s residents. (p10)	Comment- of fundamental importance.	Streets can help improve people’s health	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>
26	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Shared surfaces will be introduced to allow pedestrians and vehicles to mix. This has been shown to promote	Comment- endorsed. NB: where barriers between pedestrians and cars have been removed elsewhere (eg Kensington High Street, and London Road in Southampton), injury rates have <u>declined</u> and walking rates <u>increased</u> .	Streets with shared surfaces can be safe.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>

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27	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	greater awareness between driver and pedestrian thereby reducing the speed of traffic. Appropriate user groups will be consulted on such schemes. (p10) (Ped crossing) Timers should be set to provide a generous crossing window. Central reservation layouts where pedestrians must wait should be avoided. (p11)	Comment- why not have Belisha beacons instead? They are cheaper to build and run, need less maintenance, and give pedestrians priority. As a result, they are less inclined to cross on red.	Support greater pedestrian priority at crossing points.	Comments noted. Additional text added to Aim 1 "Streets" section to strengthen pedestrian priority measures.
28	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Road design that enables the traffic to move consistently slower reduces CO2 emissions, creates less stress for the driver, and reduces fuel consumption and vehicle wear and tear. It also creates more regular journey times. (p11)	Comment- strongly endorsed.	Ensure design supports reduction in traffic speed.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b> LTP3 champions this aim as does Policy DM7 in the Site Specific Allocations and Development Management policies DPD.
29	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Public transport should take precedence over all other forms of transport, except walking and cycling.(p11)	Comment- strongly endorsed.	Prioritise sustainable public transport	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b> LTP3 champions this aim as does Policy DM7 in the Site Specific Allocations and Development Management policies DPD.
30	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Areas for play and amenity should be included within the movement framework.	Comment- should go further, as increased opportunities for local, informal play are crucially important in tackling rising levels childhood of obesity. Developments should identify such areas as an integral component.	The public realm has a role to play in tackling obesity.	Comments noted. Small text change to Aim 1. 'Play and Amenity'

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						They should be well overlooked and easily accessible on foot.
31	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Aim 1	Creating Appropriate Routes and Spaces is supported.		Comment noted. <b>No action required.</b>
32	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men		It is unclear exactly what is meant by “the places people want to go” it is appropriate to note that we should gain more than we lose by improving connectivity with our neighbours.	Opportunities to improve connectivity should be taken.	Comments noted. This is covered in relevant Core Strategy Policies, Site Specific Allocations & DM policies and LTP3. Minor text change to clarify the type of destinations that people commonly travel to.
(a)			Routes	There may be conflict with “safe routes” and existing alleyways not often perceived as safe but affording protection from the weather. Improving the safety of alleyways should increase footfall and improve safety.		
(b)			Cycling	Shared surfaces not necessarily supported. At page 11, improvements to the cycle network.....after should be given greater priority...add “whilst protecting pedestrians”.		Noted. Minor text changes added.
(c)			Streets	Does the tight grid layout utilise lanes and alleys – can this be amended to say so.		Noted. Minor text changes added.
(d)			Landmarks, Vistas and Focal Points	Can tall developments foster public access to highest levels?		<b>Comment noted. This is beyond the remit of this SPD.</b>
33	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Aim 2	Advocating greater use of pine trees for green spaces and landscaping.	Tree type should be identified for landscaping.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b> Issues to be discussed with Council’s Arboriculture officers.
			Public Art	Public art could usefully be supplemented with health and well-being	Benefit of Public Art to health and wellbeing.	Comment noted. Additional bullet point to reflect this point.
			Materials	Support for the sentence relating to the detrimental effect of replacing paving slabs/bespoke surfaces with tarmac.	Roads should be repaired with original materials.	Noted. <b>No action required.</b>

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				Upper storeys of premises should not be neglected.	See comment.	Noted. Additional text added relating to Upper Floors. Also See Site Specific Allocations & Development Management policy DM3 which supports the use of upper floors to the vitality of Town and Local Centres.
			Public Spaces list	<p>If the Council has the statutory right to require utility companies to reinstate the streetscape, why is this not enforced?</p> <p>Add the need for a safe pedestrian crossing over the railway line that separates Hamworthy Park from safer footpaths to the Quay.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to require utility companies to reinstate streets in similar materials.</p> <p>Advocating crossing points etc.</p>	<p>Noted. <b>No action required</b>, One of the main objectives of the SPD as set out in Section 1.4 is to co-ordinate the work of Planning, Arts Service, Transportation, Leisure Services and Town Centre Management Board. This joint working sets out a framework for better communication to address reinstatement problems/possible enforcement issues and flag these up as they arise.</p>
Section 2		Aim 2		To encourage active frontages and better use of spaces to create a vibrant and safer town		
34	Michael Fearn	Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC)	Aim 2 is To encourage active frontages and better use of spaces to create a vibrant and safer town.	Aim 2 of the SPD is “To encourage active frontages and better use of spaces to create a vibrant and safer town”,commenting on the importance windows and doors opening onto the street for a feeling of safety. It notes that “Active frontages enhance public spaces” and the SPD encourages appropriate uses to spill out into public spaces to create activity and local character.	SPD promotes active frontages to create local character.	Comments noted. <b>No action required</b> .
Section 2		Aim 3		To ensure spaces function well for all users		
35	David Gillard	Society of Poole Men	Parking provision	Encourage diagonal parking rather than parallel or		Comment noted. <b>No action</b>

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				horizontal parking. Repeats itself 2x – delete text repetition.		<b>required.</b> This is outside the remit of this SPD. Borough of Poole’s Parking & Highway Layout in Development SPD (July 2011) provides guidance on car parking.
36	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Development Principles Environment (paras 12-18) Community (para 19)	Agreed. Add keep existing buildings in good repair Supported.	Development principles supported.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b>
37	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Shopfronts	Support for OS&S prioritising environmental enhancements which are “overdue and urgent” on the Bournemouth-Poole (A35) Corridor on Ashley Road and at first floor above active shopfronts.	Promote the use of active frontages	Noted. <b>No further action.</b>
<b>Section 2</b>	<b>Aim 4</b>			<b>To create safer and healthier places</b>		
38	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Aim 4- a Healthier Place	Comment; good as far as it goes, but could say a lot more. For example, those who <u>choose</u> to drive in a bustling town centre, but <u>need not</u> do so, are actively dissuading others, thus creating the vicious circle we see today in places like the gyratory systems at the Dolphin and Civic centres. Planning plays a key role in ‘nudging’ people towards the preferred modes. More nudges, please.		Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b> Poole’s LDF contains Local Development Documents and Supplementary Documents which promotes alternative modes of transport and infrastructure to support change to sustainable travel behaviour and is aligned with the direction of travel in the LTP3, the Joint South East Dorset Transport Strategy to 2026.
39	Michael Fearn	Shire Consulting (on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC)	Aim 4 is “To create safer and healthier places”, noting that “Perceptions of safety are influenced by the quality of materials, ground floor	Aim 4 is “To create safer and healthier places”, noting that “Perceptions of safety are influenced by the quality of materials, ground floor uses and overlooking of public places and spaces”. The terms of Reference for the Officer Group charged with implementing the SPD includes as one of its Aims “Encourage active frontages”.	The SPD restricts use classes such as A2 which do not have active frontages.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b> Use classes are assessed on the basis of policies in the LDF. This SPD provides guidance on planning policies and does

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			uses and overlooking of public places and spaces".	<p>These are laudable aims but they do not sit well with the Council's continued intention in LDF policies to restrict the presence of occupiers such as the Bank in shopping frontages.</p> <p>The Bank's mode of operation can help to deliver the Aims of this SPD (as well as promote new investment into the Conservation Area), but to enable it to do so, the Council must recognise the benefits of the Bank's active frontages and attraction of high levels of footfall by accepting that its presence is appropriate in all frontages.</p> <p>The SPD states that <i>"developer contributions will play a key role in achieving enhancements to the Borough's public spaces"</i> and the 'framework' for such contributions will be set out in the 'Infrastructure' DPD. Apparently this document is to contain the <i>"detailed evidence of the Borough's infrastructure needs, costs, available external funding sources, timescales and responsibilities"</i>. It should be recognised that not all developments automatically produce a requirement for such contributions and, according to PPS4, if they produce any form of economic output they should be supported in their own right.</p>	<p>Not all developments will trigger contributions to fund public realm improvements.</p>	<p>not restrict A2 uses</p> <p>PPS4 has been superseded by the NPPF (March 2012). The NPPF is a government guidance document which forms a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. Many of the policy documents in Poole's LDF make mention of improvements to the public realm. Developments required to make contributions will be expected to ensure that regard is had to the guidance in this SPD.</p>
Section 2	Aim 5			To deliver sustainable, greener public spaces		
40	Adrian Dawson Joint Director of Public Health	Borough of Poole-NHS Bournemouth and Poole- Bournemouth Borough Council	Aim 5- to deliver sustainable, greener public spaces (p27)	<p>Comment- does not say enough about flood risk; see <a href="#">map</a>. This shows that half the area of the peninsula is at flood risk <u>now</u>; the situation within the lifetime of this SPD will be even worse. Recent experience of floods in towns like Doncaster show major adverse and long-lasting health impact.</p>	The SPD needs to address flood risk.	<p>Comments noted. <b>No action required</b> as the requirement to consider the impacts of Flood Risk where appropriate is addressed in Poole Core Strategy Policy PCS34, in accordance with evidence held by the</p>

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41	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Aim 5 – To deliver sustainable, greener public spaces	<p>The aim goes onto discuss the opportunities for climate change adaptation and highlights green infrastructure as being one mitigation mechanism. We welcome this recognition.</p> <p>We were disappointed however to note scant mention of biodiversity within this aim. All cities and towns contain biodiversity to greater or lesser degree, which should be protected and greatly enhanced, with opportunities taken to promote biodiversity in urban settings.</p> <p>Green Infrastructure (GI) does capture biodiversity to some extent, but an explicit comment on the importance of maintaining and promoting biodiversity in urban areas would be welcome here.</p> <p>We support the comment that ,as part of the LDF , Our Streets and Spaces SPD has a responsibility to promote environmental, social and economic sustainability'. This is central to the SPD meeting its aims. However, the following sections again pay little mention to biodiversity, focussing on climate change adaptation and mitigation. We would welcome greater reference to the opportunities for biodiversity enhancement in this section of the SPD expanding on the text provided on page 29.</p> <p>Green corridors/spaces and open watercourses/SUDS, should be managed with wildlife enhancement in mind. We also recommend that due consideration should be given to benefit breeding birds that are dependent on buildings, particularly when the Council revises the 'buildings SPDs' . Please refer to the following documents, attached, which we hope you will find helpful:</p> <p>Cornwall Council's Guidelines for Transformational</p>	Detailed guidance on Green Infrastructure needed.	<p>Environment Agency, the Government's Statutory Body,</p> <p>Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b> Policy DM9 in the Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD address issues relating to Green Infrastructure in accordance with a number of Strategic and Joint Partnership Plans and Strategies across the South East of Dorset. Poole's emerging Revised Landscape SPD will provide the type of guidance sought</p>

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				Development Projects of the China Clay Regeneration Area, see appendix 2. Exeter City Council's Residential Design Guide SPD Extract of Biodiversity Enhancements, see page 58, the complete Document can be accessed at <a href="http://www.exeter.gov.uk/resiguidespd">www.exeter.gov.uk/resiguidespd</a>  We look forward to reviewing any forthcoming building design guides as an opportunity to place a greater emphasis on enhancing biodiversity in the built environment. Such a document would reinforce and complement the aims and objectives of this SPD.		
42	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Sustainability and green public spaces	A passing reference to SUDs, biodiversity and locally sourced materials is not sufficient for setting a green / sustainable agenda for Poole Streets and Spaces.  How will the 'gaps' in the green network be 'filled'? (i.e. what scope is there for the Council to target S106 / CIL funds to actually purchase land and create new open space in those 'in between' streets and spaces)  Are design concepts for new tree planting and streetscape along the major routes and in the local centres going to be prepared to guide incremental change / investment?	SPD should address green infrastructure design in detail.	Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b> See previous response to Rep 41. Our Streets and Spaces SPD (Part 1) is the Strategy document which takes its lead from the Core Strategy and supports DPDs and SPDs in Poole's LDF. Specific guidance will be provided in the forthcoming Landscape SPD and in due course, Part 2 of the Our Streets & Spaces (the "Manual"). The Council's emerging Leisure Strategy will identify deficiencies in greenspace as a baseline and starting point.
<b>Section 3 Development Principles</b>						
43	Michael Fearn	Shire Consulting (for Barclays Bank PLC)	Section 3	In relation to the "Development Principles" set out at Section 3 the Bank would point out that public art is not suited to all buildings (No. 7).	Public Art on banks may not be suitable.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b>
44	Renny Henderson Conservation	RSPB	Development principles – pages 30 & 31	We note the principles relating to ,Access, Design and Appearance, Environment, Community and	Minor change of emphasis needed for Development	Comments noted. The message is clear throughout

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	Officer			Maintenance.  We support the principle 8 (Development should link to the Borough's Green Infrastructure and accommodate biodiversity), albeit we would change the emphasis from ,accommodating` which appears rather benign to – `promotion` or `enhancement` which would be more proactive terms. We also support principle 13 (Development actively contributes to enhancing the Borough's Green Infrastructure).	Principle 8 to strengthen the message that the public realm needs to be improved.	the document. However an adjustment has been made to the text of No. 8 as requested.
Appendices	Core Strategy Spatial Objectives					
Appendices	Assessment Questionnaire					
45			Section 1.2 – Table of Poole's Main Development Areas	The Table within Section 1.2 demonstrates the Borough's ambitions, some 85,000 sq m of employment floorspace and some 10,000 dwellings delivered by 2026. Clearly this is significant growth and growth which should be (and needs to be) delivered within environmental limits. With respect to urban areas, it also presents an opportunity to `green` the Borough and seek to inject and foster biodiversity.	Ensure opportunities for improvement to biodiversity and green infrastructure are taken during the period of the Core Strategy	Comments noted. There is a new section 4 to provide criteria which applicants can use to assess the overall development and ensure improvements to areas of public realm are designed into new schemes.
46	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Appendix 2 - Assessment Questionnaire	In a DM context – The Executive Summary states that <i>'spaces will be evaluated before and after development to ensure improvements have occurred, using the Assessment Questionnaire which will ensure that improvements to spaces are secured'</i> . To be effective at the design / planning stage, the SPD should say more about this (i.e. pre-application/application proposals of a certain scale or in key locations should include an assessment of the street and space context and should set out a proposed design rationale (in the DAS) using the Assessment Questionnaire as a design tool. The SPD	Assessment of Street and Places should be done by applicants as part of the submission documents.	Comments noted. See Council's response to Rep 7. The Assessment Questionnaire at new Section 2 will be used as a design tool. The D&A is also a Design Tool which will help applicants to communicate their design appropriately. It is inappropriate to duplicate

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				should also explain what the implications are of a poor / average public realm evaluation.		requirements already contained in existing legislation.
47	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Appendix 2 Assessment Questionnaire	Add to this “Does the space respect our Town’s Heritage.”	Minor change needed to text.	Comments noted. Addition to text as per request of Statutory Consultee.
48	Bill Constance	Vision for Poole Group	Public Assessment: Toolkit	<p>Recognition of the poor quality streetscape repairs that is detrimental to the appearance of the area.</p> <p>Supplement existing criteria with the following additional points:            Protect environment from sea level rise            Green walls to attract visitors            Blue plaque scheme</p> <p>Criteria 8            No mention is made of limiting traffic speed.</p> <p>Item 11 – considered to be inhibiting the developer to achieve viability and density.  <u>Criteria 13 – 6<sup>th</sup> bullet point is unclear to the SoPM</u>            Deliver legible spaces with direct routes between allow people to move through the area with confidence, increasing safety.</p>	<p>Various issues raised relating to sustainability, Public art and highway safety.</p> <p>Typo</p>	<p>Comments noted but determined that no further amendments or action be required.</p> <p>Criteria 4 of the Assessment Questionnaire will be amended to include this.</p> <p>Development will need to be appropriate to the site in accordance with Poole’s Core Strategy and policies in the Site Specific Allocations DPD.</p>
49	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Appendix Assessment Questionnaire	<p>We would recommend within the Assessment Questionnaire Environment section questions which investigate the places/spaces/building making a positive contribution to climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>We support the principles set out paragraph 15 (Has the space been designed to reduce its environmental impacts?) and paragraph 21 (Is the space well designed?).</p>	Development Principles supported.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b>
<b>Appendices</b>						
50	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Terms of Reference	Aims of the group (bullet points) need to include identifying neglected and dilapidated buildings particularly for shop frontages and in Conservation		Comments noted. Issues surrounding individual buildings are dealt with by

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				<p>Areas.            Needs to reflect emerging Localism Agenda.            Needs more flexibility to be reviewed sooner than annually if required.            Too many levels in the Reporting and accountability which may prohibit prompt action.</p>		<p>Enforcement where appropriate.</p> <p>The Site Specific Allocatiosn and DM policy DM2 : Heritage Assets relates to development within a Conservation Area.</p>
51	David Nash Director	Urban DNA	Appendix 3- Review Process and Officer Group	The proposed review process could be better in the context of Localism; the impact of the SPD should not just be reviewed by an Officer Working Group but should include representatives of the Community and Agents & Developers Working Groups too.		<p>Comments noted. Reporting and accounting section states that Annual Reports will be available to enable the public to comment on schemes.</p>
52	Renny Henderson Conservation Officer	RSPB	Appendix 3 – Terms of Reference Officer Group	Appendix 3 provides terms of reference of an Officer Group, with the fifth aim stated to be ,Deliver sustainable green spaces'. We support the establishment of this Group to oversee the delivery of the SPD.	Support for aim which promotes sustainable green public spaces.	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b>
<b>Additional Points</b>						
53	Gary Parsons Planning Manager	Sport England	Active Design	<p>COMMENT – Active Design</p> <p>Sport England believes that being active should be an intrinsic part of everyone’s life pattern. The master planning of new housing proposal has a vital role in providing easy access to a choice of opportunities for sport and physical activity to suit all age groups for making new communities more active and healthy.</p> <p>Sport England commissioned David Lock &amp; Associates to investigate the contribution that masterplanning can make to create new environments that maximise</p>		Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b>

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				opportunities for participation in sport and physical activity. This work including a developer's checklist has been completed and can be accessed via <a href="http://www.sportengland.org">www.sportengland.org</a> .		
				Through an analysis of the current health agenda and urban design principles and good practice, the term ACTIVE DESIGN has been adopted to describe ways in which master planning can promote healthy environments through creating healthy environments through creating conditions for participation in sport and physical activity and the use of active travel modes (walking and cycling). Three overlapping Active Design objectives have been identified that should be promoted by master plans: improving accessibility; enhancing amenity and increasing awareness.		Please refer to the Masterplan Refresh SPD
				Sport England would encourage the developers to design future proposals in Poole in line with the Active Design principles.		
54	David Edgington		Not specified	Dislike dead public open space left by New Orchard roadway. The south side space was not properly thought out. There could be opportunities for nice seating, al fresco cafe seating, news kiosk, city car or bicycle co-operative space.	Avoid space left over after planning	Comment noted. <b>No further action.</b>
55	David Edgington		Suggested improvements	Removal of the railings at High St/ Lagland-North Streets Junction. (By road bollards operated by the restricted drivers). This would create a welcome square - helping to link upper high street to the middle of the high street and local shops.		Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b>
56	David Edgington		Suggested improvements	Use of empty shops to showcase street architecture ideas/illustrations.		Comments noted . <b>No further action.</b> This has

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57	David Edgington		Comment	The new street works to lower High Str. It's a simple but 'human' improvement whilst not removing vehicles it enables pedestrians to have priority.		been trialled and has been unsuccessful. Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b>
58	Michael Fearn	Shire Consulting (for Barclays Bank PLC)		<p>The Council recognises the need for significant private sector investment in the town centre and its Conservation Area so it must give encouragement to appropriate Part A uses to invest and to improve the quality of their representation. The Bank's evidence of how it increases vitality and viability in primary frontages shows that there is considerable benefit in seeking to attract A2 users such as banks who provide a high level of investment in and maintenance of their premises, resulting in active and attractive street frontages. This together with the very significant footfall and pedestrian activity fostered by banks will help to provide the confidence and commercial viability necessary for any programme of regeneration and investment.</p> <p>Acceptance by the Council within all LDF policies that the presence of banks and building societies in shopping frontages should not be restricted, will assist in achieving Strategic Objective 1 of the Core Strategy "Transform and revitalise the Town Centre of Poole", thus also fulfilling the Aims of the "Our Streets and Spaces" SPD. We ask that the Council approaches this matter in a corporate rather than a contradictory manner.</p>		Comments noted. <b>No further action.</b>
59	Pupils	Hamworthy Middle School	Headline Topics / Issues	<p>"Poole is an active place filled with a range of wonderful activities"</p> <p>"Poole is a beautiful, lovely, buzzing place. Isn't this a place worth investing money in?"</p> <p>"Poole has many historical streets like cobbled roads and</p>	<p>Strengthen gateways into Poole.</p> <p>Improve or move the location of the bus interchange</p>	All comments noted. Some issues are beyond the remit of this Strategy such as introducing traffic free environment on the Quay or creating a rapid transport system. Whilst other issues

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				old fashioned paving”	Create a quality Plaza between the Lighthouse and Dolphin Centre.	such as improving embedded public art and getting high quality lighting schemes etc can be encouraged within the context of the Five Aims. Where possible, other issues may be able to be incorporated into Part 2, the Manual.
				The gateways have lots of beautiful views of Poole”	Preserve our historical heritage.	
				“Poole Quay is rich in history – it has beautiful historic buildings such as the Custom Houses and Scaplens Court....we need to celebrate the history of Poole to preserve, conserve and maintain it”	Introduce traffic free environment on the Quay	
				“The Quay is a very pleasant place to be”.	Improve pavements and roads by adding trees, using granite kerbstones	
				“Poole has Brownsea Island that you can travel to by boat – great for the tourists!”	Create a car park at Thistle Hotel site.	
				“We need to maintain the historical buildings and streets and not modernise them...keep historic buildings...and the cottages round the back streets....”	Create a rapid transport system linking the Dolphin Centre, High Street and Old Town	
				“The Poole is home to “The RNLI, Poole Pottery that has been working since before the Second World War!”	Help encourage more shoppers to the High Street by improving shop fronts.	
				The pavements on Blandford Road are not suitable for push chairs, mobility scooters....”	Improve Poole’s public art offer on walls, pavements, statues and through paint or lighting schemes.	
				“The Bus Station...its dirty, dark and even scary at night...”	Encourage people to travel sustainably – e.g. “rent a bike scheme”	
				“Even though Poole Quay is an extraordinary place to be, it has an unappealing gravel car park by the historic lifting bridge”	Improve Poole’s Tourism offer by offering more free seasonal entertainment from festivals to arts	
				“The Thistle Hotel and the nearby area is a complete disgrace”		
				“To improve Blandford Road, we need to mend the damaged pavement, add better lighting and plant trees to make it more attractive”		
				“We have to keep Poole’s wonderful history but give it a		

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				<p>modern twist...cobble roads but normal tarmac pavements for better accessibility for wheelchairs”</p> <p>“The musical sculpture is a viewpoint (on the Quay)... you can go upstairs and look at the beautiful views of Brownsea Island...This sculpture...could be improved with a new coat of paint, new railing and more importantly, the stairs...were a bit dangerous...bolts holding them are coming undone”.</p> <p>Of (Britannia car park).....” redevelop the car park and attract more tourists....create an underground car park...build something on top of it like a little park for toddlers..and...green space so you can walk your dog and take your kids there to have fun!”</p> <p>Of (Thistle Hotel)....” use more modern materials to change the appearance of the Thistle Site....updating hotel by making it high rise – this will make it look more like a real hotel rather than a block of offices...also this will utilise the view”.</p> <p>“We believe that the bus station could be redeveloped and changed as a whole..we could change it into a luxury plaza “</p>	markets.	
60	David Stuart Historic Areas Adviser	English Heritage	Comments	<p>This is intended to be a borough-wide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) AND THE CURRENT CONSULTATION EXERCISE FOCUSES ON THE Aims which should underpin its aspirations and the Development Principles associated with them. This will be complemented by a technical manual intended to assist with detailed delivery in due course and which is not part of the current consultation exercise.</p> <p>We are pleased that the Council has identified the value</p>	An understanding that this is Part 1 of a two part document. And support for the value and quality of Part 1 , the Strategy and recognition that P2 will provide greater detail for applicants and agents.	Comments noted. <b>No action required.</b>

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				<p>which streets and spaces contribute to the public realm of Poole and to its historic character and local distinctiveness, and that this should be reflected in a dedicated statutory planning document.</p> <p>Inevitably a borough-wide document will have to accommodate the variety of positive defining qualities which exist within the area and the document is impressive in its distillation of these into a coherent and comprehensive framework. It is encouraging to note that the document has been informed by the Poole Characterisation Study and that heritage assets should inform and be enhanced by proposals which emerge. No doubt more detailed contextual analysis of areas where change is envisaged will be used to establish briefs as appropriate and assist in the finessing and delivery of specifications and management arrangements. In this respect, exercise such as the production of the Town Centre Heritage Character Statement have an important role to play.</p> <p>Success of the SPD initiative will obviously depend greatly on how the accompanying technical manual translates the Aims into practice, and particularly on the clarity and robustness of its contents and the extent to which there is stakeholder commitment. While we appreciate that the Council has probably canvassed other local authorities to inform the exercise it is undertaking, it might derive benefit from appraising two local authority initiatives which have particularly attracted our attention. The first is Penzance Streetscape Design Manual, produced in conjunction with a major highways and public realm enhancement project carried out in the town a few years ago. Contact Nick Cahill of the Historic Environment Team at Cornwall Council for details (01872 323623); <a href="mailto:ncahill@cornwall.gov.uk">ncahill@cornwall.gov.uk</a>). The second is the Bath Public Realm and Movement Strategy which can be</p>		

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				<p>downloaded from the Bath and North East Somerset Council website (<a href="http://www.bathnes.gov.uk">www.bathnes.gov.uk</a>). Contact for more information is Rhodri Samuel in the Council's Major Projects team (01225 477452; Rhodri_Samuel@bathnes.gov.uk.</p>		