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Dear Sir / Madam

**NORTH DORSET LOCAL PLAN – COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING THRESHOLDS SET OUT IN POLICY 8**

In response to the invitation to submit further comments on the proposed changes to the affordable housing thresholds set out in Policy 8 the HBF would submit that the Council's approach of consulting on a Schedule of Additional Changes (MHD053) and a Schedule of proposed Main Modifications (MHD050) has caused some confusion. In our previous representation dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015 we commented that modifications under MM5 did not have corresponding changes under Policy 8. This was incorrect because 5/8/17 in the additional changes schedule sets out modifications to Policy 8. However there remains some inconsistency between figures quoted under MM5, additional change 5/6/19 and the tracked changes document (MHD053) it is suggested that the Council re-checks these figures. Whilst there may be some inconsistencies Policy 8 as proposed is now in accordance with the Council's own viability evidence. It is also agreed that the Council's response in the letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (INS020) is appropriate and pragmatic especially given that the Government has been grant the right to appeal against the High Court judgement. This is also the same approach set out in the Herefordshire Core Strategy Core Strategy Inspector's Final Report published on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015. However the HBF would suggest that the wording in paragraph 5.79 should be re-worded to remove reference to the NPPG perhaps instead referring to the Written Ministerial Statement dated 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 which has not been withdrawn.

It is hoped that these representations are of assistance to both the Council and the Inspector in informing the next stages of the North Dorset Local Plan. If any further information or assistance is required please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully  
for and on behalf of **HBF**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susan E Green'.

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