

<b>Draft South West RSS – Proposed Changes Comments Form</b>	<u>Office Use Only</u>	
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**Section A**

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**Section B**

Support / Oppose / Comment	<b>OPPOSE</b>
RSS Reference – Policy or Paragraph Number	<b>HMA7</b> in Sect 4 (and associated parts of Sect 5)

**Section C**

I oppose the following Regional Spatial Strategy proposals, with supporting personal views, as below:

1) Oppose inclusion of Area of Search 7B at Lytchett Minster in HMA7.

- This area is part of rural Dorset and not part of the Poole/Bournemouth conurbation (or “SE Dorset SSCT”). Building 2750 homes on this Green Belt land will destroy the character of the area and defeats the purpose of the Green Belt.
- Local traffic volumes (especially in Upton) will become excessive and at times dangerous (e.g. when children walk/cycle to school), and will harm local quality of life. Use of “demand management” cannot prevent this – walking, cycling and even bus travel would have excessive commute times from this settlement for most, and congestion charging or road pricing are not appropriate (see (2) second bullet, below). The development is in the wrong place to serve the SE Dorset SSCT.
- The development will overburden the local infrastructure and most of the new homes will not address local needs. A development of this size would need to minimise infrastructure cost, maximise prices, and/or probably expand (with further impact). It should not be started here.
- The development will damage the local environment (including Dorset Heathlands) through increased littering, fire risk and wildlife disturbance. Restricting access to heathland (paragraph 4.1.52) will remove recreation space for existing residents. The proposed development is on the edge of a flood zone, and could worsen existing flooding problems in parts of Lytchett Minster. It would also be built on good farmland (something we will need more of in future).
- The proposal is strongly opposed by all our local councils, our local MP and other public bodies. Inclusion abandons local democracy (and is not in keeping with Sect 10.3 of the RSS).

2) Oppose increased housing provision in the Bournemouth and Poole area (HMA7).

- 48,100 new homes by 2026 is unsustainably high and will cause excessive strain on infrastructure and services, damage local character and the local environment, degrade the experience of tourists and on balance harm local quality of life. It is also based on unrealistic economic growth forecasts.
- Policies (RTS2 and RTS3) to constrain traffic growth through “demand management” (including congestion charging/road pricing), increased parking charges, and limited parking in new developments, would harm local quality of life and economic activity (especially for those with low incomes). They are not suitable: the area is not like a typical city (no motorway, no ring road and no city centre) but is more diverse and has large protected natural areas within it.

3) Oppose development at the Twin Sails Regeneration Area (paragraph 4.1.56) and expansion of the port of Poole (paragraph 5.1.31), without early provision of the long awaited Poole Bridge.

- The developments will lead to high traffic volume through the centre of Upton (including HGVs) that is certain to become excessive and dangerous without early provision of the new bridge.