**LOCAL PLAN 2003 – SHAFTESBURY SPECIFIC POLICIES TO REVIEW**

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| **Policy SB1**  **(**i) All development in Shaftesbury should respect the historic character of the town and its surroundings. In particular, the hill-top character of the town will be conserved by retaining all remaining open or wooded areas around the slopes.  (ii) Major development and expansion of the town will only be permitted on flat plateau land to the east.  (iii) In accordance with the Local Plan Strategy Shaftesbury will act as a main centre for coordinated population, housing and employment growth. The development of major  community services to support this growth is supported. |

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| **Policy SB2**  Future development in the town centre must respect the compact, unbroken line of facades and the existing pattern of narrow streets. Further erosion of this pattern will destroy the essential character of the town centre. |
| **Policy SB3**  **(**i) Development which would reduce or urbanise the distinct rural character of the Slopes  will not be permitted. Development will only be allowed if it can be shown that the proposal is in keeping with the character of the area and will not adversely affect views from higher and lower ground.  (ii) It is proposed to improve the informal recreational facilities on the Castle Hill slopes.  (iii) Settlements At The Foot Of The Slopes (Enmore Green and St. James) |
| **Policy SB4**  New development will only be permitted where the design and location of the proposal strengthens local character. Development which masks the dramatic effect of the topography or adversely affects views from higher or lower ground will not be permitted. |
| **Policy SB5**  Development which adversely affects the importance of the public open space, historic sites and the views from the Western End of the Spur will not be permitted. |
| **Policy SB6**  Any development which adversely affects the outstanding character of Gold Hill will not be permitted. |