

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

30th MARCH, 2009

At a Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 30th March, 2009:

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No objection.

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No objection.

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No objection.

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No objection.

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No objection.

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No objection.

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