



# DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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**Adrian Stuart, Town Clerk**

2 October, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

A MEETING of the **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, DORCHESTER** on **MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013** commencing at 7.00pm.

I hope that it will be convenient for you to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk

## **Public Rights to Speak**

If any member of the public wishes to speak at this meeting they may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the Chair. It would be helpful if anyone who wishes to address the Committee made their desire known to the Chair before the meeting starts: anyone allowed to speak will be expected to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

## **Declaration of Interests**

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare pecuniary interests or disclosable non-pecuniary interests where appropriate. A member who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest defined by the Code must leave the room unless a suitable dispensation has been granted. A Member who declares a disclosable non-pecuniary interest may take part in the meeting and vote.

## **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **MINUTES**

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013 (adopted by Council on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2013).

3. **MINUTE UPDATE REPORT**

To receive and consider the minute updates reported (attached).

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT**

(a) To receive and comment on the planning applications received from West Dorset District Council (list attached).

(b) **Phase 2 - Charles Street Development**

The existing outline planning permission for Phase 2 of the Charles Street redevelopment scheme expires on 3 December 2013 and WDDC have now received a planning application (details below) for the renewal of the permission, with the deadline for responses being 25 October 2013. The Committee is asked if it wishes to give its response to the application at this meeting or if it wishes to call a special meeting to discuss this application and its implications for the Town:

1/D/13/001272 (Outline)

CHARLES STREET DEVELOPMENT SITE, CHARLES STREET, DORCHESTER

Renewal of outline planning permission for Phase 2 of the Charles Street Redevelopment Scheme to include demolition of existing buildings and structures and comprehensive redevelopment comprising retail units (Class A1), restaurants and cafes (Use Class A3), financial and professional services (Use Class A2), a hotel (Use Class C1), residential apartments (Use Class C3) with associated undercroft car parking, new streets including new pedestrian (Affects the setting of a Listed Building and Conservation Area).

The covering letter from the Agent is attached for Committee members' information and reading of the Design and Access Statement and the Updated Town Planning Statement on DorsetforYou is recommended.

5. **TRAFFIC PANEL**

To receive and comment on the Minutes and the minute updates reported of the Traffic Panel held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013 (attached).

6. **CAR PARKING ISSUES**

**Top O' Town Roundabout**

To give consideration to the request, from a Town Councillor, that Dorset County Council be asked to carry out a road safety survey and to prioritise improvements at the Top O' Town roundabout. This request follows a serious accident there this summer and the current operation of the belisha beacons used for the pedestrian crossings. Under the original DTEP proposals this roundabout would have been removed and the whole area would have been made safer for pedestrians. However, under the new DTEP, the pedestrian facilities will not change until Phase 3 (which is currently unfunded).

7. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Consultation: Draft Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019**

To consider and comment on the sections of the Draft Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019 most directly related to the Town Council. The Town Council has been asked to comment, as a neighbour and user of the AONB, on the objectives, policies and actions related to these particular chapters. The specific points for response are detailed on the Feedback form attached.

Extracts of the Plan (Introduction (part) and Chapter 4B.3: Planning, Highways & Infrastructure (part) and Chapter 4B.4: Community Action (part)) are attached. The full document is accessible via DorsetForYou:

<http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/the-dorset-aonb/dorset-aonb-partnership/33-management-plan?showall=&limitstart=>

## 8. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### (a) Shire Hall Consultation

Further to Minute 34/13, to consider the draft response (attached), based on Members' comments received and to then finalise the Council's response to the Shire Hall consultation.

### (b) Trees

To note that the following tree work application has been forwarded to Ward Members for comment:

- CA/13/00230 – to fell a Willow to ground level, to crown lift a Birch by up to 3 metres above ground level and to cut down a Buddleia to 1 metre at Exhibition Court, London Road DT1 1NE
- CA/13/00224 – to pollard Quince to 2 – 2.5 metres, reduce height of Silver Birch by up to 3.5. metres at 27 Icen Way, Dorchester
- CA/13/00245 – to raise crown of Lawson Cypress by approx. 3 metres, to pollard Yew nearest to road by approx. 1.5 metres, to cutback and thin dead wood to Yew nearest house and to raise crown of Yew overhanging neighbour's garden to 2 metres at 4 Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester DT1 1QS
- CA/13/00249 – to fell 4 Sycamore and 1 Holly due to obstructing boundary and fence line at Dorford Baptist Church, Bridport Road, Dorchester DT1 1RR
- CA/13/00261 – reduce canopy of Sycamore by 40% at 1 Caters Place, Dorchester DT1 1YB

To note that the following tree works have been approved by West Dorset District Council:

- CA/13/00240 – to fell Red Horse Chestnut at York House, York Road, Dorchester DT1 1QA

### (c) Decisions on Planning Applications and Withdrawn Applications

To note the decisions made by West Dorset District Council on planning applications (contrary to Dorchester Town Council's comments) and withdrawn applications (list attached).

## 9. **URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other items which the Chairman or the Town Clerk decides are urgent.

## **Planning and Environment Committee – 7 October 2013**

### **Minute Update Report**

1. Minute 3/13 (3 June 2013)

#### **TRAFFIC ISSUES – MANOR ROAD**

As part of Dorset County Council's consideration of the Town Council's request for a temporary Speed Indicator Device in Manor Road, Automated Traffic Count tubes are now on site.

2. Minute 20/13 (5 August 2013)

#### **CAR PARKING ISSUES WOLLASTON ROAD**

At the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 5 August 2013, it was agreed that the evidence from DCC's speed survey carried out at Wollaston Road be considered at a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee. However, at the Committee meeting held on 2 September 2013, the Dorset County Council representative present advised that they did not have any evidence to take further action and they were satisfied with the existing road signs and markings. The Committee supported this position and therefore it would seem that there would be little value in bringing this to the Committee again for further discussion.

3. Minute 27/13 (2 September 2013)

#### **CAR PARKING GUIDANCE SIGNS**

A Member advised that over the weekend of 21/22 September 2013, the signs did not appear to be working correctly and Dorset Highways Management advised that all of the signs were set to 'open' due to a technical issue with some of the equipment that counts cars arriving and leaving each car park. The supplying company was made aware of the fault and was expected to replace the equipment that week. Until the problem was rectified the signs were set to 'open'.

4. Minute 28/13 (2 September 2013)

#### **(a) TRADING ON THE HIGHWAY POLICY**

The Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, who were co-ordinating the response, were informed that the Town Council had noted the policy.

#### **(b) 'WEST STAFFORD' ROUNDABOUT**

The Town Clerk advised Dorset County Council that the Town Council's preference for the name of the roundabout would be 'Came View Roundabout' and the three relevant County Councillors were being consulted on deciding the name for the roundabout.

5. Minute 31/13 (2 September 2013)

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT**

##### **(a) 1/D/13/0989 – 19 Barnes Way, Dorchester DT1 2DZ – Replace existing boundary of wall/fence with a new fence (Retrospective)**

At the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 2 September 2013, Members considered this planning application the Committee recommended refusal as follows:

Recommend refusal. The development on this prominent site is out of character with and detrimental to the street scene. The height of the new fence makes it overbearing

and is at variance with the established character of the area. There is concern that approval of this application could set a precedent for others in the area.

West Dorset District Council refused this planning application on 30 September 2013.

**(b) 1/D/13/000999 – Brewery Development Site, Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester**

Since the last Committee meeting, at which no objection was raised to this outline planning application, the Town Clerk has received two letters from residents of Prince of Wales Road, objecting to the application and asking the Town Council to take their concerns including loss of amenity, overlooking and noise into consideration. A copy email along similar lines was also received. The residents have been advised to submit any concerns regarding the full planning application when it is considered.

**(c) 1/D/13/001181 - 17 Maumbury Road, Dorchester**

At the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 2 September 2013, Members considered this planning application and in view of the comments made in the Design and Access Statement, that indicated that external security shutters would be allowed, the Committee recommended refusal as follows:

‘Recommend refusal. The installation of shutters on the building at this prominent site would be create an unacceptable and detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the Conservation Area and the neighbouring ancient monument of Maumbury Rings.’

However, following submission of the Town Council’s representation, the Clerk was advised by a West Dorset District’s Principal Planning Officer that: “The application drawings do not propose security shutters, as such the current planning application does not relate to the provision of the shutters. The provision of internal shutters would not require planning permission. Any proposal for external shutters would need to be the subject of a separate planning application.”

Therefore, the grounds for Town Council’s refusal of this application were not relevant and via email, the Committee Clerk canvassed Committee members’ views on the application and they agreed that ‘No Objection’ would now be submitted by the Town Council on this planning application.

**6. Minute 33/13 (2 September 2013)**

**Consultation on modifications to the proposed new local plan for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland**

The Town Clerk sent the Town Council’s formal to the consultation to WDDC on 9 September 2013 and also met with Hilary Jordan and Joanne Withersden of the Planning Policy Division, who agreed to attend a future meeting with Members to discuss long term housing needs.

**7. Minute 35/13(2 September 2013)**

**SEAGULLS**

The Town Clerk wrote to the management of Dorset County Hospital (DCH) asking them what measures they were taking to deal with the problems caused by the seagull population in the area of the hospital.

DCH responded, providing the following information:

It is recognised that seagulls do cause issues of noise and mess but, as you will appreciate, they are a protected species so we are limited to what measures can be

taken.

The use of a falconer has been considered but with a 11.0 Ha site and yearly costs of £13,500 plus VAT, the hospital is mindful of its public spending commitments and thus our Estates Department has been actively manage the issues through an egg replacement programme with its pest control contractor for the past two years. This has resulted in over 100 eggs being removed each year. The programme, which replaces real eggs with 'dummy' eggs as gulls tend to be quieter when they are nesting and by the time the gull realises that the 'dummy' egg is not going to hatch, it is too late for a second breeding attempt. All accessible nests are then removed at the end of the breeding season.

Our Estates Department has discussed and shared knowledge of the problems with WDDC Environmental Health Officers including the control of residents waste on bin collection days which provides a plentiful food source. We understand WDDC are moving to closed bins next year and this will help reduce the food source. All of the waste bins at the hospital have lids.

The Hospital remains committed to reducing the number of seagulls and thus the associated problems.

# DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 7 October 2013

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Applications can be accessed via:

[dorsetforyou.com/Home/Environment and Planning/Planning/Planning Applications/Planning Application Search/West Dorset District Council](http://dorsetforyou.com/Home/Environment%20and%20Planning/Planning/Planning%20Applications/Planning%20Application%20Search/West%20Dorset%20District%20Council), or

[http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk/PlanAppsWDDC/\(S\(zi0g3h55hwqiqt55gp32yuqy\)\)/pages/ApplicationSearch.aspx](http://webapps.westdorset-dc.gov.uk/PlanAppsWDDC/(S(zi0g3h55hwqiqt55gp32yuqy))/pages/ApplicationSearch.aspx)

1. 1/D/13/001019  
133 BRIDPORT ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 2NH  
Erect a two storey side extension, extend rear decking and a new single storey rear lean-to
2. 1/D/13/001172  
19 SYWARD CLOSE, DORCHESTER DT1 2AL  
New flat roofed main entrance porch
3. 1/D/13/001049  
27 WHITFIELD ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 2NW  
Lean-to rear extension
4. 1/D/13/1241(Advertisement Consent)  
6 CORNHILL, DORCHESTER DT1 1BA  
Replace the current signage with the new White Stuff logo  
Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area
5. **1/D/13/001246 (Listed Building Consent)**  
6 CORNHILL, DORCHESTER DT1 1BA  
To repair where necessary and repaint the shop front in new White Stuff corporate colour and replace fascia and hanging sign logo with new White Stuff Logos  
Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area
6. 1/D/13/001151  
28 SOUTH COURT AVENUE, DORCHESTER DT1 2BX  
Loft conversion with side and rear dormer. Two storey extension. Lean-to to rear extension. Garage
7. 1/D/13/000906  
23-29 ALFRED PLACE, DORCHESTER DT1 1NW  
To replace all existing timber windows with PVCu Double Glazed windows  
Conservation Area
8. 1/D/13/001212  
42 KINGS ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 1NQ  
Replace existing timber windows with Aluminium windows  
Conservation Area

9. 1/D/13/001287  
128 COBURG ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 2HT  
Single storey extension to provide ground floor bedroom and shower room
10. 1/D/13/001280 (Retrospective Advertisement Consent)  
TOPPS TILES, LONDON ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 1NF  
Externally Illuminated Flexbox Advertisement
11. 1/D/13/001291  
LAND ADJACENT QUEEN MOTHER SQUARE, POUNDBURY  
Application for an extension to the basement car park to provide 19 additional parking spaces.
12. 1/D/13/001169  
1 SOUTHFIELD HOUSE, SOUTH WALKS ROAD, DORCHESTER DT1 1AD  
Proposed replacement windows and doors  
Conservation Area
13. 1/D/13/001302  
12 VESPASIAN WAY, DORCHESTER DT1 2RD  
Extend Existing Rear Conservatory
14. 1/D/13/1309  
1 THE FORUM CENTRE, TRINITY STREET, DORCHESTER DT1 1TP  
Use of mezzanine floor as a Place of Worship on Sundays only

## **Dorchester Town Council**

Notes of the Traffic Panel held on 2 September 2013

Present: Councillors V Allan, R Biggs, A Canning, T Harries (Chair), S Hosford, S Jones (Mayor), R Potter, D Roberts.

Also present: Councillor T James

### **1. Community Speed Watch**

Mr Preedy, a resident of Herringston Road, addressed the Panel and explained the problems experienced by residents in respect of speeding traffic and road safety in general. The road was heavily used by cars, pedestrians, particularly school children, and a cycle route crossed the road. A speed survey did not evidence that speeding was an issue in the road but residents did not think this was acceptable. A County Councillor had suggested considering a Community Speed Watch Scheme in the road and local residents would volunteer to take part in the Scheme.

The Chairman gave the Panel details of the Scheme, as provided by Dorset Police, and this included the training of volunteers, the provision of radar kits and the overall operation of the Scheme.

There was a full discussion on the use of the Scheme in various places throughout the town and Members appreciated that there were many aspects of the Scheme that needed further clarification. Overall, they were very supportive of the Scheme and they considered that this was something that the Council might look to get involved with. The point was made that the Council had already raised the possibility of purchasing of a Speed Indicating Device and these issues should be considered together. It was agreed that further information on the Scheme was required and a representative of Dorset Police should be invited to a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

**Resolved:** That a representative of Dorset Police should be invited to a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to present further details about the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

### **2. Parking Issues**

#### Alfred Road/Cromwell Road/Monmouth Road and Manor Park

The Alfred Road area had been considered as the next priority for a residents' parking scheme but as the problems in the area had eased a little it was probably worth waiting to consult with residents. There were pockets that experienced greater parking problems than others and residents in fairly close proximity were having differing experiences in relation to parking.

Members agreed that better signage of alternative car parking provision at Dorchester South Station could alleviate some problems and West Dorset District Council should be approached to consider this.

It was suggested that the timescales for new residents' parking schemes etc

should be discussed with Dorset County Council (DCC) to ensure that the Town Council is in the best possible position to progress any schemes it supports at the appropriate time. DCC should also be asked for their advice on the priority and viability of schemes to ensure the best use of resources.

Ward Members agreed to publish a ward newsletter to inform their residents of the Council's actions.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the Town Clerk approaches West Dorset District Council to request that they consider improving the signage of alternative car parking provision at Dorchester South Station;
- (ii) That the Town Clerk contacts Dorset County Council for advice on the timescales, priority and viability of future parking schemes.

Queens Avenue/Clarence Road

The Panel noted the problems that had been caused as a knock on effect of the residents' parking scheme in adjoining streets.

The Planning and Environment Committee had discussed the issue previously and a residents' consultation would be undertaken in connection with DCC.

Fordington Green/Hardy Avenue/Durnover Court/Millstream Close

A Ward Member reported that double yellow lines had been put down on the corners of some junctions but where this had not happened, people continued to park despite it being illegal. The move of West Dorset District Council's offices had made the situation worse and a residents' parking scheme would not work as there was simply not enough on street parking in the area. Members agreed that improved enforcement would help the situation and asked that an approach be made to WDDC asking that its employees make better use of the Park and Ride rather than park in the area.

**Resolved:** That the Town Clerk writes to WDDC advising it of the problems caused by its staff parking in the Fordington area and requesting that the staff make better use of the Park and Ride facility.

Thomas Hardye School/Dorchester Middle School

Members considered that the area would not be able to absorb any further parking restrictions and it was suggested that DCC and Dorset Police be asked to visit Coburg Road at peak school times to assess the traffic issues.

**Resolved:** That the Town Clerk requests that DCC and Dorset Police be asked to visit Coburg Road at peak school times to assess the traffic issues.

Wollaston Road

The Panel noted the speed survey evidence from DCC and the information provided in the Minute Update Report provided for the Planning and Environment Committee. They accepted that DCC would not be taking further action and suggested that Wollaston Road might be suitable for a 20mph limit in the future.

Williams Avenue

Members recounted some of the traffic problems they had experienced in the

area and they asked that the Hospital be requested to get actively involved in tackling the problems and that DCC be requested to increase enforcement in the area.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the Town Clerk writes to Dorset County Hospital requesting them to get actively involved in tackling the parking problems in Williams Avenue;
- (ii) That the Town Clerk writes to DCC requesting that they increase traffic enforcement in the Williams Avenue area.

### 3. **20mph Speed Limit Zones**

Members commented on the introduction of 20mph speed limits in other areas of the country and questioned why these could not be introduced in Dorset, and, in particular, Dorchester. They asked that DCC be requested to provide any information it held on the success, or otherwise, of 20mph speed limits introduced elsewhere in the country.

The Panel also considered the information provided by DCC on this issue in various emails and noted that it was reviewing its current policy due to changes in Government guidelines. A Member pointed out that Town Councillors could address the appropriate DCC Committee when it was considering adopting the new policy.

**Resolved:** That the Town Clerk asks DCC to provide any information it held on the success, or otherwise, of 20mph speed limits introduced elsewhere in the country.

### 4. **Traffic Congestion**

A Ward Councillor detailed traffic congestion problems in the High Street, highlighting the problems caused by lorries unloading and traffic parking on pavements.

The Chairman reminded Members of the upcoming DTEP meeting which would provide the opportunity for Members to raise concerns on issues such as this and the influence the future of the DTEP scheme.

### 5. **Car Park Signs**

The Chairman said that the signs now appeared to be working and he read out details, provided by Dorset Highways, of how the signs worked. Members asked about the timescales for the next phases of the project and pointed out some areas where there still seemed to be problems.

**Resolved:** That Dorset Highways be asked to provide further details of timescales for the next phases of the car park signage project.

### 6. **Any Other Business**

### Trinity Street Car Park

A Member raised the lack of landscaping maintenance to the rear Trinity Street car park and the Panel agreed that this should be brought to WDDC's attention.

**Resolved:** That the Town Clerk requests the WDDC carries out landscaping maintenance to the rear Trinity Street car park.

### Safer Routes to Schools

The Dorchester Area Community Partnership was establishing a 'Safer Routes to Schools Group' and Town Council representation on this could be through existing Town Council members on the Partnership.

### Culliford Bridge

The Panel noted that Culliford Bridge had not been resurfaced while other roads in the immediate vicinity had and they asked why this was the case.

**Resolved:** That the Town Clerk asks DCC why Culliford Bridge has not been resurfaced.

### Road Markings

The Panel commented on the poor condition of many road markings in the Town and a Member advised that the online reporting system on Dorsetforyou was very effective.

## 7. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Traffic Panel would be held immediately before the Planning and Environment Committee on either 3 February or 3 March 2014.

## **Traffic Panel – 2 September 2013**

### **Minute Update Report to Planning and Environment Committee on 7 October 2013**

1. Minute 1/13

#### **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

A representative of Dorset Police has been invited to attend a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to give more information and advice about the scheme. Additionally, at Councillor Trevor Jones' suggestion, West Dorset District Councillor Teresa Seall may be able to attend a meeting to give her experience of the Community Speed Watch Scheme in her area.

2. Minute 2/13

#### **(a) Alfred Road/Cromwell Road/Monmouth Road and Manor Park**

The Town Clerk approached West Dorset District Council (and subsequently Dorset Highways) requesting that they consider improving the signage of alternative parking provision at Dorchester South Station.

Dorset Highways have agreed to look into this, but they will have to liaise with Network Rail and SW Trains as Station Approach is not a public highway after Pullman Court.

The Town Clerk contacted Dorset County Council (DCC) for advice on the timescales, priority and viability of any future parking schemes being put forward in the Town – this was to ensure that the Town Council's efforts were best used in achieving positive outcomes for local residents.

In response, the Senior Technician, Traffic Engineering at DCC advises that there has been no change since the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation wrote to all Town Councils in March of this year. Amongst other things, he advised that no work would be carried out on parking restrictions in the 2013/14 financial year. Those matters under progression from the 2012/13 programme would continue to be finalised. The large review out for Dorchester was under the 2012/13 umbrella and came in to force on 24th May. Any subsequent requests will be carried over to 2014/15. They will then be ranked and prioritised on a County basis with available budgets dictating how much work could be undertaken. Regrettably, he is not able to give an idea of timescales as under these conditions it is not possible to programme works in the way this was done before the current economic situation.

#### **(b) Fordington Green/Hardy Avenue/Durnover Court/Millstream Close**

The Town Clerk wrote to West Dorset District Council advising it of the problems apparently caused by larger numbers of staff parking in the Fordington area and requested that the staff make better use of the Park and Ride facility.

#### **(c) Thomas Hardy School/Dorchester Middle School**

The Town Clerk contacted Dorset Police asking them to visit Coburg Road at peak school times to assess the traffic issues and take action if necessary.

Dorset Police advise that the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team do patrol the area on a regular basis and currently have 'a patrol action' for the area concerned because of an increase in Anti Social Behaviour at school closure time. This means that available untasked resources concentrate in the area concerned and target the problem. It has been recognised that to have two schools, one of which of significant size close together with large numbers of school transport in support will cause difficulties. If Councillors have evidence of specific traffic offence issues that are contributory factors, Dorset Police will be happy to consider targeted enforcement using traffic officers in support which would only be a short term solution. If a group is set up to deal specifically with issues in the area then Dorset Police would be happy to nominate a police representative to give input. In the meantime residents should see an increase in patrol activity in the area concerned.

**(d) Williams Avenue**

The Town Clerk wrote to Dorset County Hospital requesting them to get actively involved in tackling parking problems in Williams Avenue.

The Town Clerk wrote to Dorset County Council requesting that they increase the traffic enforcement in the Williams Avenue area.

**3. Minute 4/13**

**Update on DTEP Member Workshop**

The DTEP Steering Group, which includes representative of councillors from all three tiers plus business organisations, met on 24 September 2013 to consider the feedback received at the member workshop of 4 September 2013.

The main pieces of feedback were

- There appeared to be widespread support for the new approach being advocated by Dorset County Council, namely that change is implemented in a first phase through the use of TROs and temporary highway kerbing, to be adjusted and physically fixed in phase 2, all of which could be delivered within current resources
- All of the feedback from members on possible improvements has been logged, and will be considered along with the outcome of public consultation to take place shortly.
- Only one suggestion, relating to buses having access to High West St in contraflow to the direction of traffic was considered unfeasible as it would prevent measures to narrow the street, a key planned outcome
- Feedback on the priorities for public realm improvements was also provided

A period of public consultation on the proposals will take place from 17 – 28 October, using a mix of web, unmanned exhibition and manned drop in sessions in central Dorchester.

The next stakeholder group will take place in December and will consider what changes to the proposals might be appropriate as a result of the member and public consultations.

**4. Minute 5/13**

**Car Park Signs**

At the meeting of the Planning and Traffic Committee held on 2 September, the representative of Dorset Highways present advised on the progress of Phases 2 and 3 of the car park sign scheme and he reported that this would depend on the future of

DTEP.

5. Minute 6/13

**(a) Trinity Street Car Park**

The Town Clerk requested that West Dorset District Council carries out landscaping maintenance to the rear of Trinity Street III car park and the District Council has advised that it will look at the possibility of tidying up the area that the Council is responsible for within its Grounds maintenance contract.

**(b) Culliford Bridge**

The Town Clerk contacted Dorset County Council to ask why Culliford Bridge had not been resurfaced and the following response was received from the Programme Manager, Dorset Highways:

The resurfacing over the rail bridge was planned to be carried out at the same time as the adjoining roads. Under the various rules and regulations, that are laid down by Network Rail for working over their rail bridges, any carriageway surfacing that is proposed to go over one of Network Rails maintained structures has to be approved by them.

The process of informing Network Rail started approximately six months prior to the proposed carriageway resurfacing date. Network Rail delayed the whole process of consultation together with demanding very high fees for having their representative attend site to oversee the process of replacing the 40mm of surface course material.

As a direct result of Network Rail actions for this operation, the time slot was missed within Dorset Highways surfacing programme. The resurfacing over Culliford Bridge has not been forgotten but the issue with Network Rail is still on-going.

# DORSET AONB

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## DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION: FEEDBACK FORM

This feedback form is designed to provide a consistent framework for comments on the Draft Dorset AONB Management Plan.

### ABOUT YOU

Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Email address	
Tel. no.	

Please tick the box which best describes you/your organisation

Parish / Town Council		
Local Authority		
Statutory Agency		
Local Business		
Local Resident		
Community partnership		
Local interest group		
Non-Government Organisation		
Landowner / farmer		
Other (pls describe)		



# **YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PLAN**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Do you have any comments or suggested amendments?

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## **4B.1 PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

To what extent do you agree with the draft actions for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

If we could only carry out one action relevant to this section, please number which you'd prioritise

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Do you have any comments or suggested amendments for this section?

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## **4B.1 COMMUNITY ACTION**

To what extent do you agree with the draft objectives for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

To what extent do you agree with the draft management policies for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

To what extent do you agree with the draft actions for this section?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

If we could only carry out one action relevant to this section, please number which you'd prioritise

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Do you have any comments or suggested amendments for this section?

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## Extracts from the Draft Dorset AONB Management Plan 2014-2019

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### **This Management Plan**

##### **What is the Plan for?**

This plan is for guiding and inspiring action that will bring us closer to achieving the vision. It meets the statutory requirement on local authorities to produce a Management Plan but goes beyond that requirement by:

- Bringing together partners to agree a target or vision for this protected landscape
- Galvanising and prioritising action
- Promoting collaboration in action for best results
- Helping to prioritise resources

The plan places a focus on how the primary purpose of conserving and enhancing natural beauty will be delivered; social and economic issues are covered in terms of their relationship to that primary purpose.

##### **Who is the Plan for?**

The AONB Management Plan is just that – a plan for the AONB area. It provides a framework that can help guide all activities that might affect the AONB. Its audiences include:

- AONB Partnership organisations – these organisations will have a key role in delivering and championing the Management Plan
- Relevant authorities – all public bodies and statutory undertakers have a duty to have regard to the primary purpose of the AONB; this Management Plan will guide them in fulfilling their statutory duties
- Landowners and managers – those who own and manage land in the AONB have a vital role to play; the plan aims to guide, support and attract resources for sensitive management of the AONB
- Local communities – all of us that live and work in the AONB can play an active role in caring for the Dorset AONB; the plan identifies some of the priorities for action and ways to get involved.

### **How does it relate to other plans, strategies and processes?**

This plan should be used to guide and inform all other plans and activities developed by public bodies and statutory undertakers that may affect the AONB, in line with their duty of regard for the primary purpose of the AONB. It should also be used as a guide and information base for other people and organisations in and around the AONB.

- Local & spatial plans: it provides part of the evidence base for local plans including those for transport, waste and minerals
- Marine plans: it will provide part of the evidence base for the plans being developed by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Development management: local planning authorities and the MMO have a statutory duty of regard for the AONB when making planning decisions. In making these decisions the relevant authority should seek the advice of Natural England, the statutory agency responsible for AONBs. In addition, this Management Plan is a material consideration in the planning process. Planning authorities seek advice from the AONB Team under the Dorset AONB planning protocol
- Community planning: it can help inform neighbourhood and parish plans and community strategies
- Rural investment strategies: it can guide the targeting and prioritising of land management grants and other rural industry investments

## **4B.3 PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **OUR AIM**

The national importance of the AONB will be recognised and reinforced within the planning system to deliver a common vision of sustainable development in the AONB. The planning system will ensure that changes within the AONB conserve and enhance its landscape and scenic beauty, and that development meets the highest standards of sustainability, design and quality.

### **Introduction**

This chapter covers the activities which are addressed through the planning system and the wider provision of physical development, infrastructure and services in terms of their impacts on the AONB. The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 confirmed that the purpose of planning is to help achieve sustainable development. As AONB Management Plans must also have regard to sustainable development this presents opportunities to align the objectives of this plan and effectively integrate the conservation and enhancement of the AONB within the preparation of plans and decision making.

In defining sustainable development, national policy acknowledges the diverse role of the environment, contributing to the protection and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, habitats and species, and the reduction of pollution. In line with this holistic understanding, other themes of the plan, for example the Biodiversity and Historic & Built Environment chapters may also be relevant to the preparation of plans and decision making.

**Objective PH1: Support sustainable development that conserves and enhances the special qualities of the AONB**

<b>Management Policy</b>	<b>Action in 2014 - 2019</b>	<b>Target/Indicator</b>	<b>Delivery</b>	<b>Lead / Partners</b>	<b>AONB Team Role</b>
PH1a: Ensure that any necessary development affecting the AONB is sensitively sited and designed and respects local character	Deliver through inclusion of appropriate policies in Local Plans, supplementary planning documents and through AONB planning protocol	Fixed point photography monitoring	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Partner
PH1b: Ensure that proposals affecting the AONB are assessed to a high standard	Promote assessment of landscape, visual and cumulative impacts based on current best practice guidance, encourage appropriate mitigation and enhancement	3 workshops with development management officers and members by 2019	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Promoter
	Promote and support implementation of Planning Application Validation Checklists, BDP Landscape and Development Checklist etc.	4 training events by 2018	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Promoter
PH1c: Retain, restore, manage and/or create characteristic features	Promote mitigation and enhancements for landscape character and ecosystem services through development management	% development schemes with proactive landscape enhancements	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Partner
	Identify and secure inclusion of open space networks (Green Infrastructure) where appropriate	West Dorset & WP Green Infrastructure Strategy	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs	Promoter
PH1d: Promote the use of high quality design, materials and	Develop and implement guidance through creative collaborations and promote through local plan	Completion and implementation of Purbeck Design Guidance by 2016	Existing initiative; £	LAs/DLA	Promoter

standards of workmanship in all developments in the AONB	policy		available		
PH1e: Promote sustainable construction and the consideration of climate change mitigation and adaptation in all development and infrastructure management in the AONB	Develop and implement guidance and promote through local plan policy	Completion and implementation of Purbeck Design Guidance by 2016	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/DLA	Promoter
PH1f: Support and promote appropriate farm diversification schemes that contribute to the conservation and enhancement of the AONB	Ensure appropriate diversification supported through Local Plan policy and provide advice to landowners	Policy reflected in local plans	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB/DAAS	Partner
PH1g: Conserve and enhance the AONB's undeveloped rural character, panoramic views, tranquillity and remoteness	Support and promote initiatives for the understanding and protection of tranquillity, remoteness and wildness	No net loss of tranquillity by 2019	New initiative; £ required	AONB/CPRE/LAs/BAA CfDS/DLA	Joint lead
PH1h: Support the working of minerals sites at an appropriate scale and density in the AONB for the supply of	Ensure appropriate policies in Minerals Core Strategy and through AONB planning protocol	Policy reflected in Local Plans	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs	Promoter
	Identify and protect potential sites for small scale extraction to meet	Identify sites by 2014	Existing initiative;	DCC	Promoter

building materials to conserve and enhance local character	local demand for building stone, bricks and tiles for repairs to historic buildings or vernacular developments		£ available		
PH1i: Promote the restoration of minerals sites to benefit landscape, biodiversity, geodiversity and access	Ensure appropriate policies in Minerals Core Strategy and input to restoration proposals through planning protocol as required	Policy reflected in LDF	Existing initiative; £ available	AONB/DCC	Partner
	Promote implementation of Draft Minerals Restoration Strategy to ensure a strategic landscape scale approach	Plan developed by 2015	New initiative; £ required	DCC/AONB/NE/industry	Partner
PH1j: Promote measures to increase energy efficiency	Implement the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan	Targets set in strategy	Existing initiative; £ required	DEG/LAs/DA21	Promoter
PH1k: Support renewable energy production where compatible with the objectives of AONB designation	Secure funding, training and advice for woodfuel installation and secure sustainable supply	8 new woodfuel installations by 2014	Existing initiative; £ required	AONB/DEG	Lead (as host to Woodlink)
	Undertake and implement landscape sensitivity study to help guide decision making on renewable energy development.	PDC/NDDC/CBC and EDDC sensitivity to Renewable Energy Development	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Joint lead
	Ensure renewable energy developments affecting the AONB are assessed to a high standard with consultation in line with AONB Planning Protocol	As required	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB/NE	Joint lead

**Objective PH2: Impacts of development and land use damaging to the AONB's special qualities are avoided and reduced**

Management Policy	Action in 2014 - 2019	Target/Indicator	Delivery	Lead / Partners	AONB Team
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					<b>Role</b>
PH2a: Protect the AONB from inappropriate development and land use	Reflect as policy in Local Plans and deliver through AONB planning protocol and appropriate enforcement	Fixed point photography monitoring	Existing initiative; £ available	LAs/AONB	Partner
PH2b: Protect the quality of uninterrupted panoramic views into, within and out of the AONB.	Reflect as policy in Local Plans and deliver through AONB planning protocol	Fixed point photography monitoring	Existing initiative; £available	LAs/AONB	Partner
PH2c: Avoid and reduce the impacts of waste management on the AONB	Reflect as policy in Waste Local Plan and deliver through AONB planning protocol	Waste developments cause no significant adverse effects on the AONB			

### **Objective PH3: Reduce the negative impacts of traffic and its management on the AONB**

<b>Management Policy</b>	<b>Action in 2014 - 2019</b>	<b>Target/Indicator</b>	<b>Delivery</b>	<b>Lead / Partners</b>	<b>AONB Team Role</b>
PH3a: Promote the provision of green infrastructure and sustainable links to the countryside	Deliver green infrastructure strategies and promote approach within Neighbourhood Plans	Strategies and neighbourhood plans contain green infrastructure policy and provision	Existing initiative; £ available	Developers/LAs/AONB/DC	Promoter
PH3b: Promote and develop measures to reduce the impact of traffic in the AONB	Deliver Local Transport Plan 3 to improve public transport, walking/cycling & access to services	Traffic growth and geographical access to services data	Existing initiative; £ available	DCC/AONB/DC	Promoter
	Secure new funds and develop local partnerships to further develop coastal passenger transport by boat	Resources secured for implementation by 2019	Existing initiative; £ required	AONB / JCWHS / NT / boat operators	Joint lead
	Develop a freight movement	Strategy produced by 2015	New	DCC/AONB	Partner

	strategy to limit inappropriate use of rural routes in the AONB		initiative; £ required		
PH3c: Reduce urbanisation and other negative impacts of highway management on the AONB	Deliver the Dorset Rural Roads Protocol, including implementation of principles, clutter audits and monitoring of schemes throughout the AONB. Review highway policies to ensure all highway policy supports the Dorset Rural Roads Protocol	Policies in place by 2014 and pilot schemes evaluated	Existing initiative; £ available	DCC/AONB/DAPTC/DLA	Partner
	Develop guidance notes for the Dorset Rural Roads Protocol and collate case studies of local and national good practice	Guidance and case studies produced by 2016	Existing initiative; £ available	DCC / AONB	Joint Lead
	Raise awareness and deliver education about the Dorset Rural Roads Protocol to a wide audience	4 workshops for highways officers by 2018	Existing initiative; £ available	DCC / AONB	Joint Lead
	Engage with local people through community planning to deliver the Dorset Rural Roads Protocol	6 communities advised on DRRP principles by 2019	Existing initiative; £ available	D / AONB / DAPTC	Lead
	Provide advice and support to communities to stimulate fresh ideas and initiatives to enhance and conserve their unique and special character through Traffic in Villages principles	Work with 6 communities by 2019	Existing initiative; £ available	AONB / DCC	Lead
	Implement Tourism signs (brown signs) with minimal impact to the natural beauty of the AONB	Tourism signs located with minimal impact on the AONB	Existing initiative; £ available	DCC / AONB	Promoter

## 4B.4 COMMUNITY ACTION

### OUR AIM

Local communities will play an active role in the management of the AONB. Through the activities of parishes and community groups, local people will take the lead in caring for and celebrating the special qualities of their part of the AONB. Sensitive to the changing landscape, they will champion sustainability to leave a positive legacy for future generations. More people will be actively involved in work to conserve and enhance the AONB through involvement in decision making, volunteering and through local projects.

### Introduction

This chapter explores the vital role of local communities in managing the AONB, through parish and community planning, input to decisions affecting the area, volunteering and direct local delivery of action to conserve and enhance the area. However, local participation is a thread running throughout the plan; opportunities for community involvement are identified in all sections. Development aspects of Neighbourhood Plans are covered in the Planning, Highways & Infrastructure chapter.

### Objective C1: Increase involvement by local people in actions to conserve and enhance the AONB

Management Policy	Action in 2009-2014	Target/Indicator	Delivery	Lead / Partners	AONB Team Role
C1a: Develop opportunities for parish and town councils and community partnerships to conserve and enhance the AONB	Support parish, community and neighbourhood planning through direct support and guidance documents	Number of parish, community / neighbourhood plans supported 22 streetscape surveys 6 case studies developed and promoted by 2015	Existing initiative; some £ available	AONB / SDRLP	Lead (SDRLP)
	Promote 'Traffic in Villages', 'Creativity in Community Planning' and other good practice guidance and activity	Web promotion and events	Existing initiative; £ available	DLA/AONB	Joint Lead
	Develop better link up with local groups and community partnerships, to support and	Dorset AONB Annual Forum each year.	Existing initiative; £	AONB/DAPTC/DLA	Lead

	encourage parish & town councils and community groups to get involved in the AONB and help tackle the issues it faces	E-newsletter to community groups quarterly bulletin and town/parish councils Attend Area Community Partnership meetings	available		
C1b: Support greater local involvement in actions to conserve and enhance the AONB	Promote opportunities for local participation eg in Dorset Fingerpost Project, Dark Skies over Dorset, South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Partnership Project, Wild Purbeck, Traffic in Villages, Drawing Inspiration, fixed point photography, community supported agriculture, allotments, community orchards	Number of local participants	Existing initiatives; £ available	AON/DLA/DWT/DAPTC	Lead
	Widen base of involvement by targeting under-represented groups in AONB-led projects, particularly young people, older and retired people	Young people's rural radio project involving 100 community members, Artist led, community based project to record and celebrate local people's lives, 490 people involved, oral history sound recordings and online exhibition	Existing initiative; £ available	AONB/SDRLP/WPNIA	Lead

		with audience of 6000. Monitor participation in South Dorset Ridgeway LP and Wild Purbeck initiatives. Participation by under-represented groups increased			
	Develop a range of funding opportunities to support community initiatives	Annual allocation/bid as funding allows	Existing initiative; £ required	LAs / LEP / LAGs / AONB	Partner
	Celebrate local action and encourage skills sharing by showcasing local achievements and good practice	Update AONB web pages annually ; Annual Forum & Annual Review Highlight community champions	Existing initiative; £ available	AONB	Lead
C1c: Support volunteer activity that contributes to the conservation and enhancement of the Dorset AONB landscape	Develop and promote wide range of landscape related volunteer opportunities	40 Volunteer Rangers	Existing initiative; some £ available	SDRLP/WP/NT/DWT/VCD	Partner
	Provide diverse opportunities for countryside volunteering through the Volunteer Centre, Dorset and other organisations		Existing initiative	DVC/DC/DWT/	Promoter
C1d: Promote and support the celebration and conservation of local	Support local events and festivals that celebrate local communities and culture	6 events annually 3 cultural events annually	Existing initiative, some £ available	AONB/SDRLP/JCWHT/LAs/NT/LEP	Partner

distinctiveness					
C1e: Involve local people in monitoring and recording landscape change	Develop a creative approach to fixed point photography initiative to monitor local landscape change	Number of communities involved Volunteers involved in Drawing Inspiration	Expansion of existing initiative, some £ available	AONB / DLA	Lead
	Develop understanding of landscape change with local schools	Exhibitions and trails produced through Drawing Inspiration project Curriculum resources produced through South Dorset Ridgeway LP.	Existing initiatives; £ available	AONB/SDRLP	Lead
C1f: Promote sustainable living among communities in the AONB to reduce impacts on the local environment	Support the Dorset Communities Living Sustainably programme	DCLS targets met	Existing initiative; £ available	DCLS	Partner
	Support the development of community sustainable living projects such as community supported agriculture, community orchards, local food hubs, allotments, and woodfuel co-operatives	No. of community initiatives	Existing initiative; some £ available	AONB/DC/DCLS/DWT/DAPTC	Partner
C1g: Promote viable local services in rural areas	Seek funding to develop community supported services and transport hubs	Number of successful community initiatives	Existing initiative; some £ available	LAG / LEP / DAPTC / C&C / AONB	Partner

## **Shire Hall Consultation**

### **Draft response from Dorchester Town Council**

1. Strongly Agree.
2.
  - a) An important piece of history in the Trade Union Movement.
  - b) An opportunity to display court procedures – then and now.
  - c) An opportunity to engage people with sentencing.
3. Strongly agree.
4. Strongly agree.
5.
  - a) Historical reenactments at Judge Jeffrey's trials, Tolpuddle Martyrs etc.
  - b) Drama workshops, whether related to the above or not.
  - c) Lectures/conferences whether related to the above or not.
6.
  - a) Updated interpretation of Tolpuddle Martyrs.
  - b) 'You are the Judge' interpretation of cases, historical or modern
  - c) Other attractions in and around Dorchester, linked to the TIC.
7. £5 - £7 / £8 - £10 – but must be commensurate with other local museums.
8.
  - a) Trial by Jury – how it developed, how used at various dates, how it works now, why 12? What do other countries do?
  - b) Wider Dorchester/Dorset.
9.
  - a) Interactive 'computer games'.
  - b) Film loops.
  - c) Live people.
10.
  - a) Opportunity to show how courts and sentencing have changed. Executions – transportation – Prison – Suspended Sentences – ASBOs – etc.
  - b) Need for Trades Union to protect employees.
11. Work with other local museums to provide a 'trail' of Dorchester's history (and future).

## DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

### PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 7 OCTOBER 2013

Decisions on planning applications (contrary to Dorchester Town Council's comments) and withdrawn applications reported at the meeting on 7 October 2013:

1. 1/D/13/000767  
109 BRIDPORT ROAD, DT1 2NH  
Loft Conversion  
**Planning permission approved**  
Dorchester Town Council comment: Recommend refusal. The development would be out of character with the street scene and at variance with the established character of the area. It would not enhance or complement neighbouring buildings.
  
2. 1/D/11/000402  
MALTINGS MEWS, FORMER ELDRIDGE POPE BUILDING, WEYMOUTH AVENUE, DT1 1QR  
Extend time limit for implementation of 1/E/04/001435 to erect building to comprise 31No flats with incidental accommodation (common room, laundry etc.,) and car parking, comprising 81 spaces  
**Planning application withdrawn 4 September 2013**
  
3. 1/D/13/000768 (Listed Building Consent)  
10 PRINCES STREET, DORCHESTER DT1 1TW  
Replace the 2 sliding sash widows on a like for like basis at the front of the property. Replace the bathroom window with a more suitable design, horizontal bar windows  
Conservation Areas and Grade II Listed Building  
**Listed Building Consent refused**  
Dorchester Town Council comment: No objection  
Reason for refusal: Having regard to the detailed design of the proposed replacement windows which would incorporate modern double glazing, it is considered that these would be unsympathetic to the building's historic character. Furthermore the front sliding sash windows appear to be in repairable condition and as such their replacement and consequential loss of historic fabric on this prominent elevation of the building is considered unacceptable. As such it is considered that the proposal would cause harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and setting of the nearby Listed Buildings.