



Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation January 2021



Planning affects us all. The council's planning policies are set out in Local Plans which are the legal starting point in determining planning applications. Public and stakeholder engagement is an important part of the plan making process. Involving residents, businesses, organisations, experts, infrastructure providers and town and parish councils allows local knowledge and expertise to be gathered from a wide range of perspectives.

Dorset Council have produced a draft Local Plan containing proposals for guiding future development in the Dorset Council area up to 2038. The plan outlines the strategy for meeting the needs of the area such as housing, employment, and community services including schools, retail, leisure and community facilities. The plan directs development to the most suitable locations near existing facilities and detailed policies promote high quality development that respects and enhances the character of each area. The plan also protects Dorset's natural environment and contributes towards the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

Between 18 January 2021 and 15 March 2021 you are able to comment on the proposals.

**A consultation on the plan will begin on
18 January 2021 and end on 15 March 2021**

How can you find out what's in the plan?

The Dorset Council Local Plan consultation will be available on the council's website at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-council-local-plan

Paper copies of the plan are available for loan from your local Dorset Council library (Covid-19 permitting) www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/libraries/find-your-local-library/dorset-libraries.aspx

Find out more at:



We are holding webinars throughout the consultation period on key themes within the plan. Each webinar will last approximately 40 minutes and will consist of a short presentation followed by a question and answer session.

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-council-local-plan-webinars



We also have a dedicated phone line available during the consultation period

Monday to Friday 01305 252500
10am and 2pm



Town or Parish councils, organisations or community groups can attend a planning surgery during the consultation period to discuss any queries with officers. **Limited spaces are available.**
Telephone 01305 252500 to reserve your slot. Tuesday to Thursday, from 10am until 2pm.

If you have any difficulty accessing information please telephone 01305 252500

How can I make a comment?

To comment on the proposals, please:

- Make sure you give your name and either postal or email address along with your postcode so that your response can be considered appropriately.
- Use the official form.
- Make your comments within the consultation period to ensure they are considered.
- If you are part of a group that shares a common view, please include a list of the contact details of each person (including names, addresses, emails, telephone numbers and signatures) along with a completed form providing details of the named lead representative.
- Continue on separate sheets if necessary.

Please note:

- Representations cannot be treated as confidential. By completing a representation, you agree to your name (but not your address) and comments being made available for public viewing.
- The council do not accept any responsibility for the contents of the comments submitted. We reserve the right to remove any comments containing defamatory, abusive or malicious allegations.

You can respond:



Online

Submit your response online at the following link
www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-council-local-plan

The benefits of doing your response this way are as follows:

- less impact on the environment as we do not need to use paper or postage
- you'll be emailed a copy of your response as confirmation once submitted
- you'll also be able to start your response and return to it at a later date - a confirmation email will send you a link to where you left off
- you can upload supporting information to your response



E-mail

We also accept responses emailed to us, as long as they are completed on the specified form.

planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk



Written responses

There are paper copies of the response form available upon request for those without internet or computer access.

Please telephone **01305 252500** to request your copy.

Part A

Please complete one part A form

In what context are you responding?

Tick as applicable

Agent

Individual

Organisation
(please specify)

Please complete your details - remember to include your name and either postal or email address to have your response considered.

Name*	
Organisation	
Address line 1*	
Address line 2	
Address line 3	
Town	
Postcode*	
Email address*	

Clients details if applicable:

Name*	
Organisation	
Address line 1*	
Address line 2	
Address line 3	
Town	
Postcode*	
Email address*	

**essential fields*

Group Representations

If your representation is on behalf of a group, ensure the lead representative completes the contact details box above. Also, please state here how many people support the representation.

Please tick the box if you would like to be notified of future progress and consultation on the Dorset Council Local Plan.

Part B: General questions

Please complete one part B form for every part of the plan you wish to make a comment on.

Which paragraph / policy / section / chapter of the plan are you referring to?

Do you agree with the suggested approach and what it is trying to achieve?

Tick as applicable

Agree Agree subject to changes Disagree

Do you agree with the suggested wording?

Tick as applicable

Agree Agree subject to changes Disagree

How could the paragraph / policy / section / chapter be amended to reflect your concerns?

Part C: Sites for housing and employment

Complete one part C form for every site you wish to make a comment on. Part D of this form gives an opportunity to comment in more detail on the additional site options at Alderholt, Gillingham and Wool.

Which site are you referring to?

Do you agree with the allocation of this site?

Tick as applicable

Agree

Agree subject to changes

Disagree

Is there anything not covered within the policy that should be considered in relation to the site?

Are there any community infrastructure needs within the area that should be considered?

Part D: Areas where there are different options for growth

At Alderholt, Gillingham and Wool there are various options for growth. Please use this section of the form to comment on those various options.

Alderholt

What level of small scale growth and major expansion should take place at Alderholt?

If Alderholt was to be identified for significant expansion, what improvements would be needed to improve the self-containment of the settlement?

Are there any factors that may inhibit the deliverability of significant expansion of Alderholt?

Gillingham - Land to the west of Peacemarsh

The Gillingham Southern Extension will deliver growth for the town over the coming years. Further land has been identified to the west of Peacemarsh which could meet the longer term needs of the area however it may impact on the delivery of other sites at the town. Should this site be allocated in this plan? Yes

No

Any comments?

Wool - Land south of Hillside Road

Do you think that this site should be allocated in addition to the sites proposed to the west of the village?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Part E: Specific discussion points

The following questions relate to specific issues where the Council are seeking focused responses and therefore are asking targeted questions. This will help the Council to progress the plan reflecting the comments received on these issues.

Vision and Strategic Priorities

Do you have any comments on the Vision and Strategic Priorities?

Any comments?

Spatial Strategy / Settlement Hierarchy

Do the boundaries of the four functional areas reflect how the area's housing markets and economy function?

Yes No

Is the distribution of housing between and within the functional areas appropriate?

Yes No

Do you agree with the proposed hierarchy of settlements?

Yes No

Do you agree that there is a need to amend the green belt to enable development?

Yes No

How could the strategy/policy be amended to reflect your concerns?

Neighbourhood Plans

Do you have any comments on the approach to establishing housing targets for neighbourhood Plans?

Any comments?

Housing Mix

Do you agree that major residential development sites should provide at least 20% of the homes as accessible and adaptable homes to meet the needs of the elderly and less mobile?

Yes No

Any comments?

Affordable housing (proposals to be refined through detailed viability testing)

Do you agree that affordable housing should be delivered by developments at different rates across Dorset?

Yes

No

Do you agree with the suggested tenure split?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Housing with care provision

Do you agree that specialist purpose built accommodation built as Extra Care should provide affordable housing?

Yes

No

Are there any practical limitations to this approach?

Yes

No

Are there other approaches that could be taken to deliver care for those who cannot afford to pay market rates?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Second homes

What approach do you think the Council should explore to address the pockets of high second home ownership?

Any comments?

Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople

Do you have any comments on the proposed site allocations for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling showpeople?

Any comments?

Self build housing

Do you think the council should identify sites for self / custom build housing?

Yes No

Can you suggest any additional sites which could be allocated for this purpose?

Yes No

Any comments?

Economy

Should any sites be added or removed from the list of Key Employment Sites in Appendix 6?

Yes No

Any comments?

Town centre hierarchy

Do you agree with the classification of the centres in the proposed hierarchy?

Yes

No

Are there any additional centres that should be included?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Hot food takeaway

Should the council look to restrict hot food takeaways around areas where children and young people congregate?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Electric vehicle charging points

The plan requires the provision of the infrastructure for electric vehicle charging on development sites. Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

Any comments?

Wind turbines

The locations identified as opportunities for larger scale wind developments are shown on Figure 6.5 and Figure 6.6. Do you support the principle of allocating any of the areas for wind turbines?

Yes No

Are there any planning issues that would need to be resolved to enable community backing to be secured?

Yes No

Any comments?

Broadband

The plan requires the provision of full fibre broadband connections to each home on major development sites. Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes No

Any comments?

Climate change

What else could the local plan do to mitigate climate change and help people adapt to its effects?

Any comments?

Thank you for your comments

About You

We collect diversity information, not only to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact on specific sectors of the community, but also to try to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of local residents. We would appreciate if you can complete the following details if you are responding as an individual.

Which age group do you belong to?

Under 18 18 - 24 25 - 34
35 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 or over Prefer not to say

What best describes your gender?

Female Male
Non-binary I use another term Prefer not to say

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Yes No Prefer not to say

If yes, please tell us which type of impairment applies to you. You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all the impairments that apply to you

Physical disability Learning disability / difficulty
Long-standing illness or health condition Mental health condition
Sensory impairment (hearing, Sight or both) Prefer not to say

Other (please specify) _____

Please specify your ethnic group?

- White British
- White Irish
- Gypsy/Irish Traveller
- Any other White background
- Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British - Chinese
- Asian/Asian British - Indian

- Asian/Asian British - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background
- Black/Black British - African
- Black/Black British - Caribbean
- Any other Black background
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Asian
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Black African
- Mixed ethnic background - White and Black Caribbean
- Any other mixed background
- Prefer not to say
- Any other ethnic group (please specify)

What best describes your sexual orientation?

Bi Gay/lesbian Heterosexual/Straight

I use another term (please describe) _____

Prefer not to say

What best describes your religion/belief?

Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please describe) _____

Prefer not to say

Privacy statement

This planning consultation collects your personal data to ensure fair responses to the Local Plan. Your data will be held according to our data protection policy available at:

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/data-protection/service-privacy-notices/planning-policy.aspx