

## **Local Planning Statement For Dorset Council**

Following the completion of Dorset Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) a new council (Dorset Council) came into being on April 1st 2019.

Dorset Council is now the local planning authority for Purbeck, Weymouth & Portland and East, West and North Dorset. As the local planning authority it is a requirement that they produce a local plan for Dorset, which when adopted will replace the plans produced by the former district and borough councils.

Local planning authorities are also required to have a Statement of Community Involvement. This outlines how the council will involve the community on all planning matters. This includes producing a Dorset Local Plan, plans for minerals and waste, working with Neighbourhood Plan groups, and processing planning applications.

A six week public consultation on a new Statement of Community Involvement begins on Friday 21 June and runs to 02 August 2019. During this time the draft document can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-policy-news> where you can also use the e-form to respond. Alternatively, a hard copy of the document can be viewed and response forms can be obtained from your local Dorset Council library and at the following Dorset Council offices during normal opening hours:

County Hall, Colliton Park,  
Dorchester, DT1 1XJ ·

South Walks House, South Walks  
Road, Dorchester, DT1 1UZ ·

Westport House, Worgret Road,  
Wareham, BH20 4PP ·

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Wimborne, BH21 1AG ·

Nordon Lodge, 58 Salisbury Road,  
Blandford Forum, DT11 7LN ·

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Weymouth, DT4 8NG ·

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DT6 3JP