



NOTICE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Councillors

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of... **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Time... **18:30**

Date... **Tuesday 12 March 2024**

Place... **Small Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Horsley'.

Catherine Horsley
Town Clerk & RFO
6 March 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: In accordance with Standing Orders, a maximum of 30 minutes is set aside before the business of the meeting commences to enable members of the public to raise any issues pertaining to the agenda for the attention of Councillors. Up to 5 minutes is allowed for each person. Members of the public will only be permitted to speak during the Public Participation agenda item.

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the agenda below.

AGENDA

- PC 23/175 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))
- PC 23/176 To Record any declarations of interest** Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
- PC 23/177 Paper A - To Approve minutes of meeting held on 27 February 2024** LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41
- PC 23/178 Paper B - To Note Planning Decisions Report** – decisions between 21 February 2024 – 6 March 2024
- PC 23/179 To Consider the following applications received from Dorset Council:**
- Application No:** P/HOU/2024/01074
Location: 16 Coventry Close Corfe Mullen BH21 3UP
Proposal: Erect two-storey side extension
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403732>

Tree Works Applications for Information Purposes Only:

Application: P/TRT/2024/01156
Location: 17 Orchard Close Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3TW
Proposal: T1 Beech: Lateral reduction of up to 1m to the NW side of canopy by removing secondary and tertiary branches only.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403829>

Application: P/TRT/2024/01047
Location: 21 Olivia Close Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3BX
Proposal: T1 Oak: Remove low limb over garden.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403696>

Application: P/TRT/2024/01126
Location: 11 Lavender Way Corfe Mullen BH18 9NN
Proposal: Maple: Crown reduction reducing by approximately 30% to give a new finished height of 6m and new finished width of 6m.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403791>

PC 23/180 Paper C – To Note Highways Update and Consider New Items for Approval

PC 23/181 Paper D – To Note Update on Dorset Council Local Plan

PC 23/182 Matters for forthcoming agendas No decisions can be taken¹

PC 23/183 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting – the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 18:30 in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen.

PC 23/184 Close of Meeting

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Tuesday 27 February 2024 at 18:30 in the small hall of the Village Hall**

Present: **Councillors**
P Purvis (Chair)
D Everett
S Florek
L Hardy
A Holland
P Neil
D Sowry-House
J Stennett

In Attendance: Catherine Horsley (Town Clerk & RFO)
Rachel Virrill (Deputy Town Clerk - Minute Taker)

Public Participation

There were six members of the public present, none of whom wished to speak.

PC 23/166 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

There were no apologies for absence.

PC 23/167 To Record any declarations of interest Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

PC 23/168 Paper A - To Approve minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2024 LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2024 were **APPROVED**.

PC 23/169 Paper B - To Note Planning Decisions Report – decisions between 7 February 2024 – 21 February 2024

The planning decisions report was **NOTED**.

PC 23/170 To Consider the following applications received from Dorset Council:

Application No: P/FUL/2024/00215
Location: 2A Pye Close Corfe Mullen Wimborne BH21 3NU
Proposal: Change of use of office (B1) to residential (C3).
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=402680>

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the following basis:

- The proposal lies within 400m of the Corfe and Barrow Hills Sites of Special Scientific Interest of international importance, part of the designated Dorset

Heathlands SPA (Special Protection Area), and also part of the Dorset Heaths SAC (Special Area of Conservation) and RAMSAR sites.

Application No P/HOU/2024/00643
Location: 11 Dennis Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3NF
Proposal: Erect detached garage.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403212>

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the following basis:

- The proposal is contrary to adopted Policy HE2 of the adopted Local Plan in that its layout, scale, and bulk of the detached garage is an overdevelopment of the site, resulting in a visually dominant building, which is overbearing with loss of amenity in terms of natural light into the main dwelling.
- Insufficient information to determine whether there is an adequate turning circle on the driveway to manoeuvre vehicles from the driveway onto the highway, which has limited sight lines.

Application No: P/HOU/2024/00656
Location: 23 Rectory Avenue Corfe Mullen BH21 3EZ
Proposal: Raise the ridge of the roof and convert the loft space to form bedrooms with dormer windows and a balcony. Demolish conservatory and erect a rear storey side extension.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403230>

It was **RESOLVED** that there were no objections.

Tree Works Applications for Information Purposes Only:

Application No: P/TRT/2024/00843
Location: Otterburn Corfe Lodge Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH18 9NG
Proposal: T1 Spruce: Crown lift to 4 metres. Remove broken branches.
T2 Lime: Crown lift to 4 metres. T3 Monterey pine: Reduce the outer tips from the stem that leans over the decking area by up to 2 metres. T4 Eucalyptus: Fell.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403462>

Application No: P/TRT/2024/00741
Location: Oakehill Pine Road Corfe Mullen BH21 3DW
Proposal: T1 Oak: Localised crown reduction of lower branches over the property (The Hideaway) by up to 2m approximately by removing tertiary limbs. Prune back the remaining low limb over the property (The Hideaway) by up to 2m back to suitable growth points.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403340>

Application No: P/TRT/2024/00742
Location: 14 Wareham Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3LE
Proposal: T1 Willow: Coppice at 1m from ground level. T2 Oak: Remove deadwood. T3 Oak: Reduce overextended limb over carpark by 3m.
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403341>

Application No: P/TRT/2024/00744
Location: 151 Springdale Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3QQ and 153 Springdale Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3QQ

Proposal: T1 Oak (located in 153 Springdale Road): Re-pollard to previous pruning points. T2 Oak (located in 151 Springdale Road): Re-pollard to previous pruning points.

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403343>

The tree works applications were **NOTED**.

New Tree Preservation Order:

Application No: TPO/2024/0007
Location: Land at E398655 N96671, Birch Close, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3TB.
Proposal: T1 – Cypress

Application No: TPO/2024/0008
Location: On land at E398990 N96621, Rushcombe Way, Corfe Mullen, BH21 3TB.
Proposal: T1 – Thorn T2 – Acer sp.
T3 – Sorbus sp.
T4 – Betula sp.

The new Tree Preservation Orders were **NOTED**.

Statutory Undertaker:

Application No: P/STA/2024/00898
Location: Upton Heath Nature Reserve
Proposal: 21010290 - P/PL 132kV OHL Refurbishment – to carry out upgrade works to overhead line.

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=403528>

The statutory undertaker application was **NOTED**.

PC 23/171 Paper C – To Note Highways Update and Consider Items for Approval

The Clerk presented the report, noting Dorset Council Highways Implementation Site Manager had indicated that an engineer would need to be allocated to carry out a feasibility and costings report in order to prioritise the schemes for new pedestrian crossings in the village. It should be noted there is a long waiting list for installation of pedestrian crossing across Dorset, and it is likely to be more than 12 months before any work is carried out.

Furthermore, the request to refresh road markings on Lockyers Road zebra crossing and bus stops on Wimborne Road, adjacent to Lockyers School had been rejected by Dorset Council Highways, due to not meeting their 75% criteria.

Members supported the new requests for highways improvements, with comments noted as follows:

- **20mph speed limit on Blandford Road (B3074), from Badbury View Road to Windgreen Roundabout:** Members felt a variable speed limit from the A31 up to the Windgreen Roundabout would be more beneficial.

It was noted there was no budget allocated in the 2024/25 financial year to carry out road traffic surveys, which could be used as evidence to Dorset Council Highways of speeding vehicles on this stretch of road, particularly by Lockyers Middle School.

Previously, Council had resolved to support the installation of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) for use across the village. However, this has not been progressed by Dorset Council Highways.

It was **RESOLVED** to contact Dorset Council Highways to investigate options for reducing speed on Blandford Road (B3074) from the A31 to the Windgreen Roundabout, particularly adjacent to Lockyers Middle School.

It was **RESOLVED** to update residents who had made requests for highway improvements.

PC 23/172 Matters for forthcoming agendas No decisions can be taken¹

The Clerk provided an update on an ongoing issue with a tree on Dorset Council owned land on Higher Blandford Road. The tree is overhanging and affecting a residents property and amenity at Windgreen. The resident had visited the Town Council office to note her dissatisfaction with correspondence received from the Leader of Dorset Council relating to the matter. It was noted contractors had pruned back the tree overhanging the highway, however had failed to do the same on the other side affecting the resident's property.

The Clerk confirmed that she had signposted the resident to make a formal complaint to Dorset Council, as the tree was on Dorset Council owned land.

Members noted their disappointment with the time taken to resolve the issue and the response provided by Dorset Council.

PC 23/173 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting – the date and time of the next meeting will be Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 18:30 in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, Towers Way, Corfe Mullen.

PC 23/174 Close of Meeting at 19:02.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting.....Date.....

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PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT

Meeting Date: 12 March 2024



Agenda Item: PC 23/178

Paper: B

Subject: Planning Decisions Report

Prepared By: Rebecca Callender, Administrative Assistant

Background: All planning decisions have previously been reviewed by the Planning Committee with any issues, objections and comments raised by the Committee being submitted to Dorset Council as part of the planning consultation process.

Key Points: The decisions listed within the report detail all decisions made between 21 February 2024 – 6 March 2024.

PLANNING DECISIONS

P/FUL/2023/07521 **Location:** 152 Wareham Road Corfe Mullen BH21 3LJ
Proposal: Change of use for part ground floor to C3 residential.
Decision: Granted
TC Comments: No objections
Decision Date: 29/02/2024

P/HOU/2023/07068 **Location:** 4 Rushcombe Way Corfe Mullen BH21 3QS
Proposal: Erect single-storey extension at rear/side.
Decision: Granted
TC Comments: No objections
Decision Date: 26/02/2024

NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENTS

NONE

VARIATION OF CONDITION

NONE

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE

NONE

TREE DECISIONS

P/TRT/2024/00646 **Location:** 17 Wills Close Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3SR
Proposal: T38 Scots Pine: Fell to ground level. Replant with nursery grown 1.5m Liquidambar Styraciflua. T41 Scots Pine: Fell to ground level. T43 Scots Pine: Fell to ground level. T46 Maritime Pine: Fell to ground level. T47 Maritime Pine: Fell to ground level.
Decision: Tree Works - TPO - Refused
Decision Date: 27/02/2024

P/TRT/2024/00631 **Location:** 17 Caesars Way Corfe Mullen Dorset BH18 9DP
Proposal: T1 Silver Birch: Fell and replant.
Decision: Tree Works - TPO - Consent
Decision Date: 28/02/2024

- P/TRT/2024/00584** **Location:** 7 Wickham Drive Corfe Mullen Dorset BH21 3JT
Proposal: T23 Maritime Pine: Reduce spread to east, towards the house, by up to 1.5m. T24 Maritime Pine: Remove the first 2 x primary branches to the South, over the driveway, back to the main stem. Remove the first 2 x primary branches to the Northwest, over lawn, back to the main stem. Reduce 2 x secondary branches over driveway by up to 1.5m.
Decision: Tree Works - TPO - Refused
Decision Date: 26/02/2024
- P/TRT/2024/00317** **Location:** Stonecrop Corfe Lodge Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH18 9NQ
Proposal: T5 Beech: Formatively prune by the removal of low lateral branches on the North side growing into/over the roof of the garage equating to a crown lift on this side only of 5M. Prune other secondary branches to ensure clearance of the built structure (not footprint) of the garage by 2M. G2a Scots Pine: Fell to ground level.
Decision: Tree Works - TPO - Consent
Decision Date: 28/02/2024
- P/TRT/2024/00320** **Location:** Birchcroft Corfe Lodge Road Corfe Mullen Dorset BH18 9NQ
Proposal: T11 Scots Pine: Remove the lowest primary limb to the South which grows towards the dwelling. T13 Scots Pine: Remove the lowest primary limb to the North which is poorly attached.
Decision: Tree Works - TPO - Consent
Decision Date: 28/02/2024

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- TPO/2023/0078** **Location:** Land at Knoll Farm, Broadmoor Road, Corfe Mullen
Proposal: G1 - Oak x7
Decision: Confirmed
Decision Date: 21/02/2024
- TPO/2023/0079** **Location:** Land at Knoll Farm, Broadmoor Road, Corfe Mullen
Proposal: T1 - Oak
Decision: Confirmed
Decision Date: 21/02/2024
- Recommendation:** To NOTE report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT

Meeting Date: 12 March 2024



Agenda Item: PC 23/180

Paper: C

Subject:	Highways Update
Prepared by:	Catherine Horsley, Town Clerk
Purpose of Report:	To note the update on current Highways issues being progressed by the Town Council office with National England and/or Dorset Council Highways.
Background:	At the Annual Town Council meeting held on 9 May 2023, the terms of references for the committees were reviewed and it was agreed for highways related matters to form part of the Planning Committee agenda, with updates provided to the Community Services Committee to note for information.
Key Points:	<p>The Town Council office is starting to receive requests from residents for the Town Council to consider supporting speed limits across the village being reduced to 20mph. Dorset Council as the Highways Authority, have a policy in place - https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/20-mile-per-hour-mph-policy#overview.</p> <p>Following discussion with Dorset Council Highways, they have recommended not to rush into the process and to take time to review the village as a whole and consider as a road zone scheme for 20mph, rather than individual requests for named roads.</p> <p>Please see updates shown in red on Appendix 1.</p> <p>For awareness, Dorset Council Highways carry out inspections in line with their Code of Practice - https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/s4013/CodeofPracticefortheClassificationofHighwaySafetyHazardsDefects.pdf</p> <p>Road Closures – Members of the public can view proposed works via https://one.network/ or on the Town Council website under 'latest news'.</p>
Implications:	<p>No budget allocated in 2023/24 financial year for road safety measures. £7500 has been allocated in the 2024/25 financial year budget.</p> <p>The road safety of Corfe Mullen residents, particularly school children attending local schools should be a priority for the Town Council. Even if the Town Council supports the request, the locations may not meet the criteria and/or are not guaranteed as other primary consultees may not support it.</p>
Recommendation:	To NOTE updates shown in red and consider how to proceed with new requests on Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 - Highways Updates

No.	Location	Request	Comments	Update	Status
1.	Blandford Road, from Roman Heights Estate	New pedestrian crossing	Dorset Council Highways carried out traffic survey in September 2023 = Scoring 0.41 <i>(Survey scores need to be 0.40 or above Criteria for a formal crossing).</i>	Score meets the criteria for a formal crossing to be considered. Results have been passed to the Dorset Council Transport Planning Team for ranking, prioritisation and funding. <i>Dorset Council, Implementation Team Manager confirmed location to be assessed later in 2024 before an engineer is assigned. Engineer will provide a feasibility and costs report for assessing the prioritisation and funding.</i>	Open
2.	Wimborne Road, adjacent to Lockyers School	New pedestrian crossing	Dorset Council Highways carried out traffic survey in September 2023 = Scoring 0.02 <i>(Survey scores need to be 0.40 or above Criteria for a formal crossing).</i>	Score does not meet criteria for a crossing. Dorset Council Highways have been contacted to request repainting of bus stop line markings. <i>Awaiting response from Dorset Council Community Highways Officer. Clerk to follow up Dorset Council developer led infrastructure public highway policy, as this may be applicable due to the two new developments on Wimborne Road.</i> <i>Note: Pull in on Blandford Road adjacent to school used to be open for drop off/pick up, however, has been closed due to misuse by parents. The land is owned by Dorset Council, however, is leased to Lockyers School.</i>	Open
3.	Wareham Road, near Brownsea Ave	New pedestrian crossing	Dorset Council Highways carried out traffic survey in September 2023 = Scoring 1.13 <i>(Survey scores need to be 0.40 or above Criteria for a formal crossing).</i>	Score meets the criteria for a formal crossing to be considered. Results have been passed to the Dorset Council Transport Planning Team for ranking, prioritisation and funding. Dorset Council employed Lolly-pop person retired in 2023 and has not been replaced due to no applicants for the advertised position, leaving no support for children/young people crossing this busy section of road. <i>Dorset Council, Implementation Team Manager confirmed location to be assessed later in 2024 before an engineer is assigned. Engineer will</i>	Open

				<i>provide a feasibility and costs report for assessing the prioritisation and funding.</i>	
4.	Lockyers Road near the Windgreen Roundabout	Improvements to existing zebra crossing	<p>Following site visit in 2023, actions agreed with Dorset Council Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate signage to be installed in both directions to warn drivers of crossing. • Adjacent tree on Dorset Council land to be cut back as it is obstructing the flashing beacon. • Letter to be sent to resident to cut back hedge that is obscuring vision of flashing beacon. • Line markings need to be refreshed. • Potholes on the crossing need to be infilled. • Beacons to be replaced with LED light fittings. 	<i>Dorset Council Community Highways Officer has confirmed the line markings do not meet the criteria of 75% for repainting. Potholes within the threshold of 40mm (D) and 300mm (L/W) have been infilled. Those not meeting the criteria are being monitoring by the Dorset Council Community Highways Officer Awaiting further update from Dorset Council Highways.</i>	Open
5.	Lockyers Road at the junction to the Roman Heights Estate	Road safety improvements	<p>Recent car accident on Lockyers Road, adjacent to Roman Heights. Resident contacted the Town Council and Dorset Council Road Safety Team with concerns about the safety of Lockyers Road for pedestrians, particularly children walking to nearby schools.</p>	<p>Dorset Council's Collision Reduction Officer confirmed that Dorset Council investigates 'cluster sites' which are locations that have flagged up as having 4 or more injury collisions within 30 metres over the last 5 years. In January 2023, the location flagged as a 'cluster site' and vegetation was cut back, along with checks of all signs and line markings. Dorset Council confirmed that a further site visit would be carried out to assess safety and maintenance issues at the location.</p> <p><i>Awaiting update from Dorset Council Highways.</i></p>	Open
6.	Wimborne Road by Lambs Green Inn	New Pedestrian Crossing	<p>Request from a resident to install a pedestrian crossing in the location has been supported by the Town Council.</p>	<p>Dorset Council Highways contacted to request a traffic survey at the location to understand if it meets the criteria for a formal crossing.</p> <p><i>Awaiting a response from Dorset Council Highways relating to costs to the Town Council to carry out a traffic survey.</i></p>	Open

7.	Newtown Lane by Chapel in the Valley	Road safety improvements	Town Council supported residents request for the installation of additional signage and/or road markings to be repainted on Newtown Lane.	Dorset Council Community Highways Officer has met with residents and agreed to additional line markings 'slow' in both directions on Newtown Lane and signage on entering Newtown Lane from Blandford Road. <i>Work has been completed.</i>	Closed
8.	A31, Mill Street	Speed limit reduction	Several residents have requested the Council's support to reduce the speed limit in the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Lane, A31 – Residents are petitioning at present due to concerns with road safety. • A31 from Roundhouse to Lake Gates Roundabouts – The residents are concerned with safety accessing businesses and residential properties on this stretch of road. 	<i>Email sent to Highways England on how to proceed should the Council support these requests.</i> <i>Awaiting response from Highways England.</i>	Open
9.	Blandford Road (B3074) from Windgreen Roundabout to Badbury View Road	Speed limit reduction	Request received from a resident concerned with safety of young people walking to/from Lockyers Middle School along Blandford Road, or to the Recreation Ground outside of school times. Blandford Road is often used as a cut-through for traffic travelling from the A31 into Poole. The resident requests a reduced speed limit to 20 mph.	<i>Dorset Council Highways have advised to review Dorset Councils 20mph zone policy ahead of submitting any requests for consideration by Dorset Council Highways. Requests should be submitted as a scheme for a particular zone, not individual roads.</i> <i>Clerk contacting the School Road Safety Officer to ascertain whether any other measures could be put in place, i.e. illuminated school children sign, to be on during school drop off/pick up times.</i>	Open
10.	Hillside Road, junction with Henbury View Road and Chapel Lane	Double yellow lines	Town Council supported requests received from residents and parents of children attending Henbury View First School concerned about road safety on Hillside Road.	Request to commence the process to determine whether double yellow lines on both sides of Hillside Road, from the junction of Henbury View Road to Chapel Lane, is feasible has been sent to Dorset Council Highways. <i>Dorset Council Highways have advised that in the first instance the Town Council should request for the PCSO to have a presence in this location to remind those picking up/dropping off school children to be considerate. Any vehicles parked</i>	Open

				<p><i>on the pavement should be reported to 101 as it is illegal to park on the pavement. Should neighbouring residents be unable to get off their driveways, due to parked cars, this should also be reported to 101 as an obstruction.</i></p> <p><i>In Dorset Councils Highways experience, there is a lack of officers to enforce parking on double yellow lines, and unfortunately those doing it, know that.</i></p> <p><i>Neighbouring residents could request 'Access Protection Markings' (T Bars) across their driveways to deter parked vehicles, albeit this is not enforceable, with installation fee payable by the residents.</i></p>	
11.	Blandford Road from Windgreen Roundabout to Lockyers School, junction with Wimborne Road	Double yellow lines	Town Council supported requests received from residents and parents of children attending Lockyers School concerned about road safety along Blandford Road.	Request to commence the process to determine whether double yellow lines on both sides of Blandford Road, from Windgreen Roundabout to Lockyers School, junction with Wimborne Road is feasible has been sent to Dorset Council Highways. <i>Update same as above.</i>	Open
12.	Hillside Road, adjacent to Henbury View Play Area	Safety railings	Request from resident relating to safety of users of the play area when exiting gate onto Hillside Road to no safety railings being in place. The other gate on Hillside Road does have safety railings.	Quote from Dorset Council Highways approved at the Full Council meeting on 23 January 2024. <i>Awaiting a response from Dorset Council Highways to confirm installation date.</i>	Open
13.	Corfe View Road junction with Wareham Road	Double yellow lines	Communications have been received from residents regarding the road safety at the junction relating to road markings and siting of bus shelter.	Town Council supported the residents request. Dorset Council Highways have confirmed that the request does not meet the criteria. Residents in contact with Cllr Ray Bryan, Dorset Council Portfolio holder and Dorset Ward Councillors. <i>No further update.</i>	Open
14.	Roundabout by Hillview Post Office	Position of roundabout Line markings	Request for Dorset Council Road Safety team to review the position of roundabout line marking following near misses and accident at the location.	Dorset Council Community Highways Officer agrees the position of the roundabout should be revisited. Unfortunately, line markings do not meet criteria of 75% for re-painting. Dorset Council Road Safety Team have visited the site and deem the positioning of roundabout to be in the correct place.	Open

				<i>Await further update from Dorset Council Road Safety Team.</i>	
15.	Pardy's Hill/Broadmoor Road	Line markings refresh	Request for line markings to be repainted as some are not visible.	<i>Await response from Dorset Council Community Highways Officer to confirm whether line marking meet the 75% criteria.</i>	Open
16.	Wareham Road from Windgreen Roundabout to Hillview Roundabout	Speed limit reduction	Request received from a resident concerned with safety of residents, particularly young people walking to/from local Schools along Wareham Road. Wareham Road is a busy road, therefore, the resident requests a reduced speed limit to 20 mph.	<i>Dorset Council Highways have advised to review Dorset Councils 20mph zone policy ahead of submitting any requests for consideration by Dorset Council Highways. Requests should be submitted as a scheme for a particular zone, not individual roads.</i>	New

PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT

Meeting Date: 12 March 2024



Agenda Item: PC 23/181

Paper: D

Subject:	Dorset Council Local Plan Update
Prepared by:	Catherine Horsley, Town Clerk
Purpose of Report:	To Note Update on Dorset Council Local Plan
Background:	Work commenced on the Dorset Council Local Plan when Dorset Council was formed in 2019. Consultation on the draft plan was undertaken in January 2021. Dorset Council will take due regard of all the previous feedback from residents and other stakeholders as the information will continue to be used in the future to shape the new-style plan.
Key Points:	<p>In a recently published Local Development Scheme Update report to be considered by Dorset Council on 12 March 2024, Dorset Council’s Planning team is recommending a revised approach to the drafting of Dorset’s Local Plan in anticipation of a new plan-making system to be introduced by central government at the end of 2024.</p> <p>Dorset Council is looking to follow the new plan-making system, set to be introduced in November 2024. This will include a streamlined 30-month production timetable and the introduction of new Gateway Assessments into the process.</p> <p>The proposed changes will remove the need for certain policies through the introduction of a national set of development management policies. The statutory Duty to Cooperate (which expects authorities to consider meeting unmet needs from neighbouring areas) has also been removed in preference to an ‘alignment policy’ which requires Councils to engage with key stakeholders in the production of their local plans.</p> <p>The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act has put measures in place to aid in addressing nutrient neutrality by requiring the upgrade of wastewater treatment works within a nutrient sensitive catchment.</p> <p>Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) have clarified the role of the local housing need calculation, changes to the application of the five-year land supply requirement and reinforced the role of the green belt. There is a strong emphasis within the revised NPPF on the preparation of up-to-date local plans.</p> <p>Under the new system, initial scoping and early engagement would take place in September 2024, before the bulk of the new Local Plan work began in November 2024. There would be further engagement exercises in both 2025 and 2026, before submission for examination in November 2026. Subject to the result of this examination, adoption of the new Local Plan would be in May 2027.</p>

Implications:	<p>Given the complexity of this work and geographical extent of a council-wide local plan, it would be a significant challenge to publish a draft new Local Plan in late 2024 and submit a final draft version to central government by June 2025 under the old system.</p> <p>There are also benefits from moving to the new system, which should result in a more robust and up-to-date plan.</p>
Recommendation:	To NOTE update.