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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Many thanks for enabling feedback from the Community on this very important Document. I appreciate that there has been much hard and effective work put into its creation and have the following views for consideration :

In the Vision section after " coastal community " should be inserted " and holiday destination " as it is important to emphasise that this is a crucial factor driving most of the planning decisions.

Nowhere can I find a statement to acknowledge just how little space is now left for development . To illustrate my point, please note that in an 82 degree arc to the right from Ferry Bridge , we have Chesil Beach, the Fleet, Radipole Lake and Lodmoor Marsh . The remaining 278 degrees is sea. It should also be noted that the 3 roads radiating out from Weymouth are at full capacity , so this factor and other infrastructure factors create big limitations . I believe that the housing already planned is the maximum that can be sustained without compromising the needs of residents in both current and future generations , and , indeed degrading Weymouth as an attractive holiday destination.

Another major concern is the approval for a BESS site in Chickerell , with another one in the Planning process. We all read at least weekly of the large number of Lithium Battery Fires both within the UK and abroad. To have approved the largest BESS site in Europe whose fire would pollute large areas of the Weymouth hinterland with toxic hydrofluoric acid fumes (depending on the wind direction) is in my view, and that of many Scientists who understand this appalling risk , absolute madness. I implore the Planners to categorically state that no BESS sites should be positioned within 20 kilometers of any habitation. That is now the limitation in California,, following a number of very serious BESS fires, none related to the recent forest fires which have ravaged large tracts of that State.

I would very much appreciate my views being taken seriously. I have lived in Weymouth for over 70 years and do not wish to see it becoming yet another sprawling urban mass which will not attract visitors.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Turner