

WEYMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Regulation 16 Consultation Friday 24 January 2025 until Friday 7 March 2025

Response Form

The proposed Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Dorset Council for examination. The neighbourhood plan and supporting documentation can be viewed on Dorset Council's website: <u>https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/weymouth-neighbourhood-plan</u>

Please return completed forms to:

- Email: <u>NeighbourhoodPlanning@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</u>
- Post: Spatial Planning, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ
- **Deadline:** End of Friday 7 March 2025. Representations received after this date will not be accepted.

Part A – Personal Details

This part of the form must be completed by all people making representations as **anonymous comments cannot be accepted**. By submitting this response form you consent to your information being disclosed to third parties for this purpose, personal details will not be visible on our website, although they will be shown on paper copies that will be sent to the independent examiner and available for inspection. Your information will be retained by the Council in line with its retention schedule and privacy policy (<u>www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy</u>). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.

	Personal Details *	Agent's Details *
Title	Mr	
First Name	Steve	
Last Name	Trow	
Job Title(if relevant)		

Organisation (if relevant)	
Address	
Postcode	
Tel. No.	
Email Address	

*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes to the personal details but complete the full contact details of the agent. All correspondence will be sent to the agent.

Part B – Representation

1. To which document does the comment relate? Please tick one box only.

Х	Submission Plan
	Consultation Statement
	Basic Conditions Statement
	Other – please specify:-

2. To which part of the document does the comment relate? Please identify the text that you are commenting on, where appropriate.

	Location of Text	
Whole document	X	
Section		
Policy		
Page		
Appendix		

3. Do you wish to? *Please tick one box only.*

Х	Support
	Object
	Make an observation

4. Please use the box below to give reasons for your support or objection, or to make your observation.

1. It is entirely appropriate for a settlement on the scale of Weymouth, which until recently was the larger part of a borough council, to have a development (Neighbourhood) plan which reflects local needs and aspirations, produced through a local consultative process.

2. Government is currently consulting on a national scheme of delegations for the planning committees of local authorities. They are proposing that planning applications would no longer need to go to LPA planning committees if officers deem they are 'compliant' with the local development plan. Government acknowledges this is a complex judgement. At the same time Government is seeking to reduce the complexity of local plans, the time taken to draft them, and opportunities for public consultation.

Whatever the merits of this approach, it seems likely that a detailed neighbourhood plan such as the Weymouth draft submission, would assist officers in their judgement of compliance, reducing the likelihood of legal challenge.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

5. Please give details of any suggested modifications in the box below.

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6. Do you wish to be notified of Dorset Council's decision to make or refuse to make the neighbourhood plan? *Please tick one box only.*

Х	Yes
	No

 Date: 03.02.25