



## 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: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/weymouth-neighbourhood-plan>

#### **Please return completed forms to:**

Email: NeighbourhoodPlanning@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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.

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### 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 ([www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/privacypolicy)). Your data will be destroyed when the plan becomes redundant.

	Personal Details *	Agent's Details *
Title		
First Name	Weymouth Civic Society	
Last Name		
Job Title(if relevant)		

Organisation (if relevant)	Weymouth Civic Society	
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Postcode		
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*\*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.*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Submission Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultation Statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Conditions Statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.*

	<i>Location of Text</i>
Whole document	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**3. Do you wish to?** *Please tick one box only.*

	Support
	Object
✓	Make an observation

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

There are a wide range of commendable features contained in the Neighbourhood Plan, which Weymouth Civic Society supports. These include policies for safeguarding the landscape and the small local green spaces, the heritage of historic buildings, and the many environmental considerations; and especially support for the provision of affordable homes (Policy W18). It is good to see that there are some further improvements made to the Plan in response to comments from the public, and we are pleased that some of the additional important views and panoramas which the Society suggested are now included (Policy W13).

Section 9. Development and Homes. We have concerns at the amount of further residential development required for Weymouth and its surroundings, especially as there are already very large areas of new housing locally, with the additional 500 homes under construction north of Littlemoor and 340 off Nottingham Lane, as well as the continuing major expansion of Chickerell and other housing sites. There are only very limited areas of open land within the Neighbourhood Plan area, and it is unfortunate that further development will involve the fields and green spaces on the fringes of the town.

Policy W10. It is also important to safeguard the small open spaces within built-up areas. The general pressure for housing development increases their value, and needs to be resisted.

We are concerned at the proposed inclusion of housing on sites intended for other uses: Jubilee Sidings (Policy W24, p. 110). This should be for station car parking or industry/employment, not housing or retail.

Lodmoor Old Tip South (Policy W23C, p.107) (Beach Car Park and land to the rear). This is in our view unsuitable for housing, with concerns including that this is a landfill site.

Section 10. Jobs and the Local Economy. It is important that the very limited amount of provision for industrial uses should be specifically for those purposes only. Areas of land intended for them have previously been taken up by other uses, mainly retail. Any further retail on such land should be resisted.

Policy W32. We have always been concerned about the threatened loss of the car parks in Weymouth Town Centre; so we are very pleased at the proposed change in emphasis, to say that redevelopment proposals will not be supported, unless criteria are met.

There remains some concern that these Criteria still appear to leave the car parks at possible risk of redevelopment.

These town centre car parks are busy and well used. They are vitally needed to provide good access for customers of all the shops and businesses, churches and hospitality providers, and for the future prosperity of the town centre as a whole. They are especially important for the many older and disabled people who live in Weymouth and the surrounding areas. Without the convenient access that these car parks provide, people will increasingly desert Weymouth town centre and go to local shopping areas out of the centre where parking is easy and free, or to other towns such as Dorchester, where it is less expensive. To help maintain an attractive and successful Town Centre, we would welcome the support that the Neighbourhood Plan can provide.

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

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

*Continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

**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.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 24 Feb 2025 \_\_\_\_\_  
*If submitting the form electronically, no signature is required.*