

The Big Questions -

Provision of affordable housing is undoubtedly one of the most important issues locally. The Issues & Options paper is seeking your views on the following key questions:

ISSUE AH1 - KEY ISSUE - What overall target for delivery of affordable housing should the DPD adopt? 

OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY			
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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F	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ISSUE AH2 - KEY ISSUE - What site threshold should the Affordable Housing DPD adopt? 

OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY			
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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G	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ISSUE AH9 - How can the DPD develop policy to provide key worker housing?

OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ONE			
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ISSUE AH5 - How should the Affordable Housing DPD develop policies for type and size of affordable housing?

OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ONE			
	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comments:

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Christchurch and East Dorset Affordable Housing Development Plan Document Issues and Options

What is the Affordable Housing Development Plan Document (DPD)?

Affordable Housing is one of the most significant issues faced by Christchurch and East Dorset areas and a review of affordable housing policy has therefore been identified as one of the key priorities in the Local Development Scheme.

The Affordable Housing DPD is running to the same timetable as the Core Strategy, so that it can be progressed as quickly as possible while still being developed in close conformity with the Core Strategy.

The Affordable Housing DPD forms a key part of the new Local Development Framework (LDF) which will eventually replace the Local Plans for Christchurch and East Dorset.

The document will deal with key issues related to the provision of affordable housing such as the appropriate levels of affordable housing to be delivered across the area, the threshold for seeking contributions from development, as well as the type, size and tenure of affordable housing.

It is an important document and we want the community to get involved in its preparation.

The Issues and Options consultation period runs from 25th March - 6th May 2008.



A Joint Document

Christchurch and East Dorset Councils are producing the Affordable Housing DPD jointly. The document will cover both Councils' areas as shown below.



The Process

The Affordable Housing DPD will be progressed through two consultation stages, after which new policies will be drafted and the DPD will be submitted to the Government for approval. The draft document will be submitted in March 2009 and adopted by June 2010.

Issues and Options

The first stage in preparing the Affordable Housing DPD is known as 'Issues & Options'. This does exactly what it says in that we are seeking to find out what issues the DPD needs to address, and the possible options for addressing those issues.

Identifying the Issues

Taking into account the issues arising from both Councils' Corporate Plans, the two Community Plans, issues raised within and outside the Councils and from analysis of extensive information and research on the housing affordability issue, including the results of the recent Dorset Survey of Housing Need and Demand, we have identified 9 issues which the Affordable Housing DPD needs to address. A number of options are suggested for addressing the issues. The issues identified are:-

- Setting targets for the delivery of affordable housing.
- Site thresholds.
- Off-site provision of affordable housing.
- Proportion of affordable housing required on qualifying sites.
- Type and size of affordable housing.
- Tenure of affordable housing.
- Key worker housing.
- Rural exception sites.
- Other methods of affordable housing provision.

This leaflet relates to one aspect of the Core Strategy. There are other leaflets available:

1. General Core Strategy
2. Christchurch Urban Extension
3. Corfe Mullen Urban Extension
4. Ferndown Industrial Urban Extension
5. Ferndown/West Parley Urban Extension
6. Wimborne/Colehill Urban Extension

You can examine the full Core Strategy Issues and Options document in the following ways:

1. **On the web:** the document can be viewed or downloaded from the Council's website: www.dorsetforyou.com
2. Copies are on display at the **Council Offices** and **local libraries** across Christchurch and East Dorset.
3. **Obtaining a copy:** By contacting the Council's Policy Planning Teams on:
(01202) 495017 (Christchurch) or (01202) 886201 (East Dorset)

ISSUE AH10 - **KEY ISSUE** - Should the Affordable Housing DPD develop an Affordable Housing Rural Exceptions Policy?



OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Yes, we should have a Rural Exception Site policy to secure additional affordable housing within and adjoining existing villages to meet local needs in perpetuity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Yes, we should introduce a Rural Exception Site policy to secure additional affordable housing on the edge of the existing urban areas to meet local needs in perpetuity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	No, there should not be a Rural exceptions policy in Christchurch and East Dorset for securing additional affordable housing in rural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Other, please specify:			

ISSUE AH11 - For which other methods of affordable housing delivery should the Affordable Housing DPD develop policy?

OPTIONS - PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
A	Re-use of empty homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Change of tenure of open market housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Reduce under occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Other, please specify:			

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Please fill in your details below:

Title:

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If you are not currently on our consultation database would you like to be? If yes, we will keep you informed of new documents that we produce. Please tick box

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