

Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan:

Steering Group Meeting

Monday Sept 6th (Part 2)

Purpose: Part 1 and 2 Combined

To appoint Chair and establish additional roles in Steering Group,
 Improve meeting planning, functioning of SG, evolve project plan
 Develop communications/ public engagement and progress Theme Groups
 Report progress, progress Call for Sites and Walkabouts, engage further
 support from ECA and Locality.

Weymouth NP Steering Group

Urban: Phil Watts,	Semi-Urban: Rob Cheeseman,	Sutton Poyntz: Colin Marsh,
Business: vacancy,	Environment: Sandie Wilson,	Young Families: Lara Wood,
Cllr Lucy Hamilton,	Cllr David Northam,	Cllr Peter Barrow,
		Cllr Ann Weaving

Deputies

Sutton Poyntz: Peter Dye	Business: Graham Spence	Environment: Penny Quilter,
		Cllr Mark Tewksbury

Project Manager: Clive Tuck, WTC

Project Officer/Secretary: Rosie Osborne, WTC

Apologies - NP Consultant: Rachel Noke ECA



Agenda (Part 2)

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1. Welcome & Apologies

Nominated Chair

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2. Actions Arising from Part 1

Agreement to Call for Sites Notice & publicise Call for Sites.

- Spawned new item Identifying Local Green Space – see under AOB

Agreement to proceed with engaging David Hawse Urban Design

Item deferred from previous mtg – Sub Activities/Groups and Leads

3. Steering Group Membership

Nominated Chair

4. Project Management Group Update (Part 2)

Clive Tuck

- a) Activities of PMG
- b) Membership/ Terms of Reference?
- c) Teams (inc. Sharepoint) and Whats app

Stage 1 Vision & Aims completed in May 2021, informed by ECA, underpinned by 16 Aims to maintain focus falling under 5 themes.

Steering Group formed and Terms of Reference agreed July 2021

Chair to be elected –Sandie Wilson; Vice Chair Cllr David Northam in Aug 2021 with 3 monthly reviews.

Top five concerns identified in public survey 1. Employment & Skills, 2. Leisure & Culture, 3. Housing, 4. Greenspace, 5. Climate Change. Based on X responses.

Stage 1 delays caused by COVID led to £2.7k returned of original £10k back to Locality, to be allocated in next tranche.

Five Character Areas identified by ECA study under Central, Urban, Semi-Rural, Late 20th Century and Coastal urban.

KEY MESSAGES

Stage 2

- ECA retained with focus on Evidence gathering by engaging the public and improving understanding of Character Areas.
- Public Walkabouts- areas to develop and protect.
- Call for Sites- from residents and landowners for development sites (e.g. Housing, Employment).
- Call for Sites needs public announcements- significant cost implications with Echo.
- Plans for Sept/Oct – To be confirmed by SG and include recruitment of volunteers to theme groups. Public engagements and workshops with residents, groups, organisations to be progressed at earliest opportunity.
- Feedback from public to inform review /update Vision, Mission & Aims and Plan development.

5. Walkabouts

David Northam

Update on Walkabouts & Next Steps

Guidance & Template Issued - Test Walkabout + Sutton Poyntz Walkabout completed
Colin Marsh and David Northam will assist in walk planning.

See next slide for suggested planning table from Colin Marsh. Note I have added the councillors who instantly responded on Wednesday offering support, or lead, in our walkabouts.

‘These walkabouts aim to enable the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to engage directly with the public and other stakeholders in obtaining first hand knowledge and experience of our distinctive local areas and those development opportunities that will influence the policy making process for the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan. These are one part of a community wide information gathering exercise and aim to provide a broad overview and identify opportunities for change that will further the Neighbourhood Plan Vision, Mission and Aims. ‘

Walkabouts



Walk Title	Date/Time	Start Point	End Point	Lead
1. Central Weymouth - Town Centre, Harbour and Melcombe Regis				
Town Centre				
Harbour Side & Westwey Road				
Seafront & Park District				Ken Whatley
2. Urban - Westham, Lodmoor and Radipole Spa				
Carlton Road N and S				Phil Watts
Lodmoor	Sun 19/9/2021 10.00	Mount Pleasant Park & Ride	same	David Northam
Westham East				Rob Cheeseman
Westham West				
Westham North				Christine James
Radipole Spa				
3. Semi-rural Weymouth - Sutton Poyntz, Preston, Upwey, Broadwey, Nottingham and Radipole Village				
Sutton Poyntz NP Area	14/8/2021 completed	The Springhead	same	Colin Marsh
Nottingham & Redlands Farm	late sept/oct tbd			Lara Wood
Broadwey & Upwey				
4. Late 20th Century suburban - Southill, Littlemoor, Redlands, Preston and Overcombe				
Southill				Pete Barrow
Littlemoor				Ann Weaving
Overcombe & Preston				
Redlands	Sun 3/10/2021 10.00	Redlands Sports & Community Hub		David Northam
5. Coast Urban - Wyke Regis, Southlands, Rodwell				
Rodwell East of the Trail				Penny Quilter
Southlands & Buxton Road				
Wyke Regis				
				Kate Wheller
				Lucy Hamilton

6. Establishing Theme Groups & Next Forum Mtg

Nominated Chair

Theme Groups

1. Neighbourhoods
2. Homes
3. Jobs
4. Sustainable Environments
5. Landscapes & Greenspaces

Theme 1

Neighbourhoods [Local]

Aim 1. Celebrate the unique character and culture of each local neighbourhood and respond to their needs to enable our policies to be applied in a sensitive way, relevant to the locality ensuring resilient sustainable communities for all ages.

Aim 2. Allocate sustainable sites for new homes and jobs which are within walking distance to town or a neighbourhood centre, thereby supporting local facilities, shops and services, promoting recreational activity and well-being.

Aim 3. Protect and enhance the distinctive historic character of the Conservation Areas within Weymouth and its many architecturally significant and listed buildings, streets, squares, open spaces and the wider public realm for their vital importance to the identity and heritage of the individual neighbourhoods and town as a whole.

Theme 2

Homes [Strategic]

Aim 4. Provide a broad mix of homes, which align with housing need and give priority to the needs of current and future residents and all parts of the community, with emphasis on social and affordable homes that reflect the character and appearance of the area.

Aim 5. Support and encourage the reuse of brownfield sites as well as community-led, self-build and innovative development schemes and tenancies as ways of achieving sustainable developments that are affordable for local residents.

Theme 3

Jobs [Strategic]

Aim 6. Make Weymouth a more self-sufficient community and reduce commuting by preserving and enhancing employment provision for a diverse range of jobs, training and skills throughout the year.

Aim 7. Preserve and enhance Weymouth's unique built and cultural heritage (harbour side and beach front), maritime heritage, leisure and entertainment offering, recognising its needs as a desirable, year round, visitor destination.

Aim 8. Encourage the creation of jobs and training that support independent enterprises and encourage creativity, technology, innovation, and green jobs as well as jobs that build on farming, food production, the coastal and maritime location.

Theme 4

Sustainable environments [Strategic]

Aim 9. Make step changes to ensure that all development by 2038 is net-zero carbon, making the best use of land, maximising the reuse of buildings and brownfield development.

Aim 10. Achieve the highest design standards for all new development, with a focus on energy conservation and each site generating a portion of on-site energy.

Aim 11. Reduce car movements and encourage sustainable transport modes in Local Neighbourhoods, particularly Weymouth's town centre, harbour and beach by implementing various traffic management measures.

Aim 12. Plan for a greater use of sustainable transport, by providing facilities for bikes, scooters and electric cars and boats such as charging points, cycle racks and comfortable bus stops, supporting projects that help travel in an environmentally friendly way and reviewing car parking standards if appropriate.

Theme 5

Landscape and green spaces [Strategic]

Aim 13. Preserve and enhance our unique environments and sustain distinctive landscapes, especially our coastal, marine, beaches, cliff tops, inland waterways, rivers, marshes, nature reserves and parks.

Aim 14. Increase the use of Weymouth's open spaces and community facilities for all ages and abilities by improving existing and creating new recreational amenities.

Aim 15. Reverse biodiversity loss, enhance engagement with nature, encourage biodiversity and habitat conservation and invest in our natural capital and our ecosystems to safeguard sustainable food production, ensuring protection from natural hazards and continued recreational activities.

Aim 16. Create an integrated network of green and blue infrastructure habitats, parks, waterways and nature trails between and through existing and new developments whilst providing safe walking and cycling routes.

7. Future SG Meetings (Agenda Template/ Dates)

Monday 4th October

November TBC

Decide: In Person or Online

Proposed Agenda Template

Nominated Chair

Meeting details

- Date, time and duration, location [insert link if applicable]

Agenda

- Welcome, Apologies + Any new member introductions
- Agree previous minutes and matters arising
- Progress reports/ updates from-
 - Project Management Group
 - Sub Activities/ Groups of Steering Group
 - Forum and Themed Working Groups
- Progress reports/ updates to -
 - Weymouth Town Council
 - Dorset Council
 - Other
- New and Emerging matters
- AOB
- Date of next meeting [Insert dates]

8. AOB

Identifying Local Green Space

Protecting Local Green Space

Locality Guide 'Neighbourhood Planning Local Green Spaces' says

Green infrastructure contributes to the quality and distinctiveness of the local environment. It creates opportunities for walking and physical activity and generally adding to quality of life. Green infrastructure is diverse in character and can include formal parks and gardens, informal grassed areas, linear paths, towpaths, sports pitches and various other kinds of landscaped area.

For many local communities, securing high quality green infrastructure in and around their neighbourhood is important. Neighbourhood plans can include policies for green spaces and can be used to designate 'Local Green Spaces' to protect them for current and future generations.

It then describes a process –

1. Identify existing Green Space – undertake a Green Space Audit
2. Assess local need for Green Space – simply, is there enough?
3. Community & Stakeholder Engagement – ask local people see next slide
4. Look at Existing Designations and hence protection
5. Apply NPPF Criteria – not all Green Space is eligible
6. Submit for Local Green Space designation in NP

Identifying Local Green Space

- Community Engagement - ask local people to identify any nearby green spaces that are special to the local community and hold a particular local significance, and to explain in what ways they are special and locally significant. This includes spaces that are special in terms of beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or for other reasons.
- *Through walkabouts and public request.*

Checklist of green infrastructure

- Informal green spaces
- Village Greens
- Allotments
- Cemeteries
- Highway verges
- Parks and gardens
- Footpaths and cycle routes
- Country parks
- Rural footpaths and nature trails
- Canal towpaths and river courses
- Sports pitches, golf courses and bowling greens

Note1 Sutton Poyntz NP area already has designated Local Green Space.

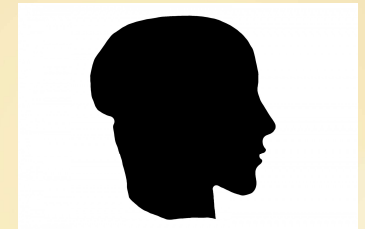
Note 2 We have access to the list and map of land owned by WTC and DC.

Identifying Local Green Space

The NPPF Apr 2021 says

101. The designation of land as Local Green Space through local and neighbourhood plans allows communities to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Designating land as Local Green Space should be consistent with the local planning of sustainable development and complement investment in sufficient homes, jobs and other essential services. Local Green Spaces should only be designated when a plan is prepared or updated, and be capable of enduring beyond the end of the plan period.
102. The Local Green Space designation should only be used where the green space is:
 - a) in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
 - b) demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
 - c) local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.
103. 103. Policies for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with those for Green Belts.

WANTED



**Volunteer
to lead on
Local Green Spaces**

Local Plan Weymouth Developments

Policy: Location	# Off homes	With consent	Employ't land (ha)	With consent	Other
WEY2: Weymouth Town Centre	400+	228			TC Master Plan
WEY3: Town Centre Core & Commercial road					Mixed Use
WEY4: Station & Swannery Car Park etc					Transport Hub, Main public Car park, pedestrian routes
WEY5: Custom House Quay & Brewery Waterfront					Improve pedestrian environment, Brewers Quay Dev't incl Museum, wet weather attraction, tourist cafes/shops etc
WEY6: Esplanade					Unique Heritage, Guesthouses/Hotels
WEY7: Ferry Peninsular					Pavilion Theatre – leisure/tourist related incl Housing
WEY8: Westway Road and North Quay					Mixed use may incl, residential, hotel, commercial and small-scale retail
WEY9: Lodmoor Gateway & country park area					Tourist attractions, high quality design
WEY10: Bingleaves Cove	220	220			
WEY11: Littlemoor urban ext'n	600	500	8.0	8.0	Key Employment Site, housing and community infrastructure.
WEY12: Land off Louviers Road	100	100			Residential
WEY13: Land at Wey Valley	350	350			Residential
WEY14: Land south of Wey Valley	150				Proposed Allocation Residential
WEY15: Land west of Southill	400				Proposed Allocation Residential 325 & Care Home 75
WEY16: Land at Markham & Little Francis	500	500			Residential & Public Open Space, some employment
WEY17: Mount Pleasant Business Park			5.0		Was 14 Ha in 2007. Key employment Site - unspecified
WEY18: Tumbledown Farm					Cemetery uses, allotments/community food provision and ancillary office/workshop/storage space.
WEY19: Lorton Valley Nature Park					Nature Park to promote tourism, conservation and enhancement of public access to open spaces.
Totals	2720	1898	13.0	8.0	

Figure 24.1 Map of proposed development sites in Weymouth and Chickereil

