



Why you should care about the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan



THE BENEFITS

This Plan benefits the young and all residents.
Enables affordable homes for local people.
Protects the wonderful environment.
Keeps Weymouth a special place.



More New Homes

- Supports over 400 additional homes.
- Half are **affordable*** to rent or buy.
- The plan favours homes with 2 or 3 bedrooms.
- These all help young families.

Improves the Town Centre

- Supports more leisure use and jobs.
- Supports homes for local people.
- Restricts new second homes.



More Jobs

- Two new areas for industrial use.
This supports more local jobs.

Protects more Open Spaces

- Retains “green” gaps between and within housing areas.
- Protects 49 green spaces you identified.
- Maintains access to 5 coastal areas.

Supports our Future Transport Need

- Protects our town centre car parks.
- Improves Mount Pleasant Park & Ride.
- Reduces summer congestion in the town centre.
- Proposes new cycling and walking paths.
- Supports electric charging points.

*Homes for sale or rent at less than the market price.

More details can be found on our website: <https://www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?



It controls land use in Weymouth to 2038

- Protects our wildlife and heritage.
- Enables affordable homes to help our young people.
- Protects your halls, pubs, allotments and sports.
- Supports current and new jobs, tourism and leisure.
- Considers our future transport needs.
- Supports buildings fit for a changing climate.
- Secures additional funding for us all.
- It adds to the Local Plan.

What happens without a Neighbourhood Plan?

- The only other control is an ageing Local Plan.
- A new Local Plan will not be in place for over 2 years.

We Need to Act Before Then

- To limit where houses are built.
- To enable 2-3 bedroom homes for young people.
- To prevent too many large homes.

What happens next?

The Consultation

- Weymouth Town Council has approved the Plan
- Please read it.
- You can comment on it to Dorset Council from 24th January to 7th March.
- Say what you like and what you don't like.

The Examination

An independent examiner will

- Read all views.
- Check the plan meets planning rules.
- Suggest changes: the final plan will include them.

The Referendum

- Later in the year you can vote at your polling station in Weymouth on whether the Plan should be adopted.
- **YOUR vote matters.**

The Result

The majority result:

YES: Your plan becomes part of Planning Control for Weymouth.

NO: We risk loss of specific local policies, green spaces and affordable homes.

Further details on how to access the Consultation, or for further information please visit your local library or Dorset Council's website:

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/weymouth-neighbourhood-plan

PLEASE NOTE: Weymouth Town Council are no longer able to take any comments - all comments / enquiries need to be directed to Dorset Council via the Consultation.