

Dorset-wide Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations (including Travelling Showpeople) Joint Development Plan Document (DPD)

Engagement Strategy

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council, Christchurch Borough Council, East Dorset District Council, North Dorset District Council, Borough of Poole, Purbeck District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council have decided to prepare a Dorset-wide Gypsy and Traveller (including Travelling Showpeople) Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) to allocate Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites within Dorset.
- 1.2 Baker Associates has been appointed as planning consultants to assist the Dorset authorities in the preparation of the DPD and to support the DPD at examination as the lead witness.
- 1.3 This Engagement Strategy sets the principles and objectives of engagement during the preparation of the DPD, which stakeholders and groups will be involved at which stage, and the techniques to be used. It reflects the different purposes and nature of engagement and participation throughout the work stages.

Background

- 1.4 Government sets out the requirements for community involvement in the production of DPDs in Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12. It states in paragraph 4.20 that 'involvement should be:
- Appropriate to the level of planning;
 - From the outset – leading to a sense of ownership of local policy decisions;
 - Continuous – part of ongoing programme, not a one-off event, with clearly articulated opportunities for continuing involvement;
 - Transparent and accessible – using methods appropriate to the communities concerned; and
 - Planned – as an integral part of the process for making plans.
- 1.5 Consultation 'during the preparation phase of the plan should be proportionate to the scale of issues involved in the plan' (para 4.25). PPS12 also states that local authorities should discuss with key stakeholders what options are deliverable.

Objectives

- 1.6 The objectives for this Engagement Strategy are to:
- Ensure that Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in Dorset are fully engaged to ensure a good understanding of the needs and issues of the different Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople groups.
 - Ensure that key stakeholders and groups are engaged to enable them to fully inform the production of the DPD.
 - Identify the methods of engagement that will be used throughout the plan making process.
 - Outline how people will be involved at each key stages of producing the DPD.

- 1.7 The methodology has been designed to follow the Government's principles for community engagement in planning, set out in PPS12, complement commissioning authorities' Statements of Community Involvements, respond to regulatory requirements and be designed to meet tests of soundness, by demonstrating that the views of the local community have informed the preparation of the DPD.

2 Statements of Community Involvement

- 2.1 All Dorset authorities have previously produced Statements of Community Involvement (SCI). These were produced in either 2006 or 2007. The SCIs' detail who, when and how different groups will be involved during the preparation of DPDs. The aim is to provide early opportunities for people to participate, in time to shape the development of policy.
- 2.2 Although they were produced before the 2008 legislative changes to the DPD process, they remain public statements of how the Councils' intend to involve stakeholders and the wider community in the preparation of DPDs and as such they still contain valuable principles which have been incorporated into this Engagement Strategy for this jointly produced DPD.
- 2.3 These principles include:
- Communication to be clear, easily understood, appropriate for the intended audience, timely and up to date;
 - Emphasis on building relationships, trust, communication and respect, and recognising the importance of privacy;
 - Recognise and respond positively to the diverse needs, aspirations and expectations of different groups and communities ensuring the process does not discriminate or preclude participation in terms of age, race, gender or disability;
 - Asking how each stakeholder wishes to be involved;
 - Communication involves listening to, learning from and responding to the views of stakeholders; and
 - Emphasis on delivering effective and tailored involvement to ensure that each group is consulted at the right stages, using the right methods.
- 2.4 These key principles will be incorporated into all engagement undertaken through the production of the DPD. Information contained with the SCIs have also informed the consultee lists, methods of engagement and when to consult, as outlined in this Engagement Strategy.

3 Stakeholders and Communities

- 3.1 The SCIs identify a long list of stakeholders who will have the opportunity be involved within the production of a DPD. Some of the most relevant groups to this specific DPD are listed within Appendix 1. Involvement will be tailored to ensure that each group, organisation or individual is consulted at the right stages, using the right methods.

Stakeholder Group

- 3.2 Key stakeholders will be invited to an initial Stakeholder Group event, as well as involved through the development of the DPD. These groups include:
- Government organisations, such as CLG, GOSW, SW Councils, Homes and Communities Agency, Planning Aid South West
 - Statutory organisations, such as Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage
 - Housing bodies, including Registered Social landlords
 - National umbrella organisations representing Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, such as The Romani Gypsy Council, Showmen's Guild, and Friends, Families and Travellers
 - Local organisations representing Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, such as Kushti Bok
 - Planning agents who work specifically with Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
 - Organisations currently working with Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, such as Site Managers and Maintenance Officers, police liaison officers and architect
 - Infrastructure providers, including those associated with supplying water, gas, electricity
 - Other groups, such as AONB representatives.

Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities

- 3.3 In Dorset there are various groups including English Gypsies/Romanies, Irish Travellers, New Travellers, Scottish Traveller-Gypsies and Travelling Showpeople. To compliment the role of representative Gypsy and Traveller organisations and support groups, it will be essential to involve individual Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople during the process. Face-to-face interviews with Gypsy and Traveller households will be undertaken, for example, to identify site requirements and to inform the development of appropriate site criteria.
- 3.4 Consultation with the travelling communities will be sought from key stakeholder groups and the contacts made with national and local Gypsy support groups, Planning Aid and agents, together with the Dorset County Council Gypsy and Traveller Unit as primary channels for contact with local families and individuals.
- 3.5 It is also proposed to investigate providing external assistance to individuals and the wider Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community, possibly through

Planning Aid, to help with making comments specifically at the Preferred Options stage and also at final publication stage.

- 3.6 There are dangers associated with raising expectations, and it will be essential to explain clearly at these meetings the planning constraints within which we are working to identify suitable sites. Section 2 above sets out the basic parameters of the process and makes clear what is expected of all parties.

Settled communities

- 3.7 It will be important to understand legitimate, planning related concerns expressed by the settled community.
- 3.8 It is proposed to set up a Focus Group involving representatives from Dorset Parish Council clusters and community partnerships within the urban conurbations of Bournemouth and Poole. The appropriate representatives are to be confirmed.
- 3.9 The aim of this focus group will be to share experiences and views and respond to the issues raised and to the sites identified. Briefings to this focus group will
- Set out the purpose of the DPD;
 - Explain the site survey process; and
 - Ask for input on key issues, site selection criteria, potential sites.
- 3.10 There will of course be the opportunity for all members of the settled communities to be involved throughout the DPD preparation process. This will include a 12 week consultation in May-July 2011 on the Preferred Options.

Elected Members

- 3.11 A Dorset wide joint member steering group (Dorset Transport and Planning Liaison Committee) is currently being constituted. It is intended that this will seek to obtain member consensus during the DPD process and approve intermediate stages. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at an early stage in the process and that their input on key issues such as site assessment criteria will be fundamental to the production of the DPD.
- 3.12 It is important that all members from all the local authorities are involved in the process. The Liaison Committee will be asked to advise on how best to consult with members during the process. There will be an opportunity for all members to be involved in the DPD at the formal preferred options stage. At that point a member briefing session will take place to present the options and encourage discussion with all members.

Delivery partners

- 3.13 During the process of site identification and detailed site assessment, landowners, agents, housing associations and infrastructure providers will be contacted to help identify sites and to assist in determining site suitability, availability and achievability. The main bodies are identified as specific consultees set out in Appendix 1. Details of exactly who will be involved in this group will depend on the sites included at the relevant stage.

4 Methods of engagement

4.1 All the SCIs' recognise methods of engagement which will be employed and these will be used and tailored to suit the engagement requirements for the Joint Gypsy and Traveller DPD. These include:

Website

- There will be dedicated webpages for the DPD, which will provide up to date information for stakeholders, as well as seeking feedback during consultation periods. A direct link will be provided from each other Council's website to the dedicated webpages. The 'dorsetforyou' website will be used to provide relevant planning information.

Workshops/ focus groups

- Structured events will be held with specific groups who will be invited to comment on a particular issue or set of ideas. This could take the form of a Council led workshop or perhaps an informal focus group on a particular topic.

Meetings

- Meetings with an organisation at their own meeting venue, or engagement through an established support network.
- Area Forums could be used when discussing topics which fall wholly within a local area.
- One to one meetings with selected stakeholders/organisations, and special interest groups dealing with Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, where appropriate.

Documents at Council offices and other appropriate places

- At key consultation stages, documents will be made available at each of the Council's offices and public information points (PiPs), such as libraries and other community venues such as schools, major employers and hospitals.

Public exhibition / visual display

- Public exhibition and display could be used to help display information visually at key consultation stage of producing the DPD.

Written / e-mail correspondence

- During key consultation stages all interested parties will be formally written to via post or e-mail. Written feedback will be provided in the form of a Consultation Report and available on the dedicated website, along with news releases to outline the results of the consultation and how this will be incorporated into revisions of the DPD.

Newsletters

- Information relating to the DPD and key consultation will be made available to be published within area wide newsletters and community papers, together with internal staff magazines.

5 Communication and Media Strategy

- 5.1 All news and media communications will follow a standard protocol which is set out in detail below.

News releases

- 5.2 Dorset County Council will be responsible for issuing all news releases.
- 5.3 The County Council's Communications Unit will be responsible for drafting and editing news releases in cooperation with the lead county council officers and partners, who will supply all factual information and advise on the key messages.
- 5.4 Draft copies of news releases will be shared with all partners, including all of the councils involved and the consultants Baker Associates via their communications teams (unless agreed otherwise), for their comments and suggestions to be returned promptly.
- 5.5 All news releases should preferably include a comment from the most appropriate member(s) or officer(s). Dorset County Council will provide the primary spokesperson. In most cases this will be the cabinet member for environment, Mr Robert Gould. As appropriate, an alternative County Council spokesperson would be the Director of Environment, Miles Butler; Head of Countryside and Business Development, Dave Ayre; or Gypsy and Traveller Manager, Mike Evans. All spokespersons must give approval for the comment attributed to them prior to release.
- 5.6 If relating to an issue specific to a single location in Dorset, the draft release should be circulated to the local ward member for their information.
- 5.7 According to the County Council's communications protocol, all news releases require the approval of the appropriate head of service (i.e. Dave Ayre) before they can be released. In their absence, they can be approved by the director or next most senior officer.
- 5.8 Any additional factual information, including that relating to a large number of partners involved in a project, including web address and contact information, can be included in the 'notes to editors'. Partners will be asked to supply and approve the appropriate text.
- 5.9 Dorset County Council news releases are sent out as plain text emails without visual branding (e.g. logos). Images (ideally no more than two, depending on file size) may be attached to the release.
- 5.10 As well as selected media recipients, all County Council news releases are sent via email to all county councillors, the relevant director and the Chief Executive. They are also immediately posted on the news section of the www.dorsetforyou.com website.
- 5.11 Contact details for Dorset County Council's Communications Unit are included on every news release for media enquiries.

Media enquiries

- 5.12 All media enquiries should be directed to Dorset County Council's Communications Unit in the first instance, which will identify the most appropriate person to respond, either directly or by agreeing a comment to be returned by the PR team. The Public Relations Officer with responsibility for the Environment directorate, including Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople issues, is Michael Carhart-Harris, who can be contacted on 01305 225065 or m.carhart-harris@dorsetcc.gov.uk. In Michael's absence, contact Senior Public Relations Officer Jonathan Slater (01305 228538 / j.slater@dorsetcc.gov.uk) or call 01305 221000 and ask for the Communications Unit.
- 5.13 Dorset County Council will be responsible for responding to, giving comments on or conducting interviews about the consultation.
- 5.14 Depending on the nature of the enquiry, the most appropriate Dorset County Council spokesperson to be quoted in a response or carry out an interview would be (in descending order of seniority) Mr Robert Gould, cabinet member for environment; Miles Butler, Director of Environment; Dave Ayre, Head of Countryside and Business Development; or Mike Evans, Gypsy and Traveller Manager.
- 5.15 In exceptional circumstances (i.e. an enquiry seriously calling into question the reputation of the County Council), the most appropriate spokesperson could be the Leader of the County Council, Angus Campbell or the Chief Executive, David Jenkins.
- 5.16 For 'everyday' enquiries requiring expertise or information directly relating to the working of the consultation process, Mike Evans should be the first point of contact to provide background, information and comment.

6 Key stages of engagement

6.1 Continuous and appropriate engagement and participation with key stakeholders and local communities will be essential to the production of a good, sound DPD and to a well informed evidence base.

6.2 The table below outlines the key engagement stages during the production of the DPD.

Stage 1 - Initial engagement with key stakeholders and Request for Sites consultation	June/August 2010
Stage 2 – Preferred options consultation	May/June/July 2011
Stage 3 - Formal public consultation (Publication of the DPD)	March/April 2012

6.3 Engagement with stakeholders and the community is planned in 3 stages. Sections 7, 8 and 9 provide further detail on the engagement at each of these key stages.

7 Stage 1: Engaging on site needs, requirements and assessment

- 7.1 The purposes of initial engagement at Stage 1 are:
- Identifying the key issues for the DPD;
 - Information gathering, including call for sites exercise;
 - Informing communities on the site selection process;
 - Informing the site selection process including site requirements and suitable site criteria;
 - Information gathering (site constraints, availability, deliverability); and
 - Assisting with site assessment.
- 7.2 Following the site options report, the Councils' will decide which sites should go forward for inclusion in the DPD which will be subject to a further round of consultation in May /July 2011 (stage 2). This will be the preferred options consultation, which will be a 12 week period of consultation (see section 8).
- 7.3 At the initial stage, we envisage undertaking engagement to establish site needs and requirements, from which we will be able to identify the key issues for the DPD.
- 7.4 In exploring these initial issues with the officer, stakeholder, settled communities focus group and member group as well as through direct discussion with a range of individual Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople we will further identify the key issues that will influence the content of the DPD. The range of views sought will provide an effective and robust indication of the concerns and objectives to be achieved as well as the priorities of all sections of the community affected by the DPD.
- 7.5 In the early stages the approach will be of informing all parties of the process and listening to concerns that are raised as well as identifying needs and establishing issues as well as starting to understand what hopes people have for the future.
- 7.6 At this stage, we envisage that the process will include the following elements:
- Development of assessment criteria
 - Site identification and call for sites
 - Site assessment

Assessment Criteria

- 7.7 Once the initial engagement on site needs and issues has been carried out a robust site identification and assessment process will be designed and appropriate assessment criteria proposed. The process we propose includes:
- Agreeing the draft criteria with the internal officers group;
 - Consulting the stakeholder group and focus group;
 - Discussing the criteria with a range of Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople; and

- Input from the member steering group.

- 7.8 Fundamental to this part of the process will be making sure the sustainability appraisal (SA) and Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) are integrated into developing the DPD. SA and EqIA both include consultation stages and the responses to these will be incorporated to the appraisal processes and DPD preparation where relevant. Consultation stages include the scoping stage as well as preferred options and at publication.
- 7.9 It is anticipated that integrated elements of DPD preparation and sustainability/ equalities appraisal, such as identification of the site selection criteria, are made part of joint discussions at relevant meetings with stakeholders. Once the main sustainability issues are known the exact methods of engaging with the individual groups will be determined.

Site identification

- 7.10 Landowners, local agents and housing associations will be contacted to establish any potential from land held by large private estates, church commissioners or other public bodies. It is likely that housing associations could provide an important source of sites as well as providing potential partners for ongoing site ownership and management.
- 7.11 All the potential sources will be explored with the stakeholder group.
- 7.12 A “call for sites” exercise will be undertaken as part of the DPD process and will take the form of an open invitation to all landowners, agents or developers with interests in the Dorset area to submit sites where they feel the site could have potential for development as a Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople site. The call for sites process will be Dorset wide and will be advertised through the website, local media and directly through the agent/planning contacts.

Site assessment

- 7.13 During the process of initial and detailed site assessment, landowners, agents and infrastructure providers will be contacted to help with determining site suitability, availability and achievability. Identified landowners will be used to gain an understanding of availability and potential constraints to release. It will be explored with landowners what are the potential mechanisms by which the site could be made available and the timescales for provision.
- 7.14 Discussions will take place with infrastructure providers to determine the range and cost of services required to provide a properly serviced site.
- 7.15 A meeting of the stakeholders group will be held at the end of the detailed assessment stage, at which comments will be invited as to which sites should go forward for inclusion into an issues and preferred options document for public consultation.

8 Stage 2: Issues and Preferred Options consultation

- 8.1 The purposes of engagement and formal consultation at Stage 2 are to:
- Test preferred options; and
 - Refine strategy and policy options.
- 8.2 An issues and preferred options paper, with accompanying Sustainable Appraisal and Equalities Impact Assessment, will be developed to provide people with an opportunity to engage with and comment on the issues raised.
- 8.3 Fundamental to developing the spatial planning aspects of the DPD will be input from the stakeholder group. A meeting will be held to discuss key aspects of the proposed document. It is also proposed that views are sought from the settled communities focus group. This will assist in the process of developing the preferred options paper.

Issues and preferred options consultation

- 8.4 By this stage various informal engagement with the key groups will have helped formulate the documents. Consequently, this stage is the opportunity to open up the document to much wider consultation. It is envisaged that this is more of a consultative stage in which the options are being shared with as wide a group as possible in order to test the approach, find out the response and understand the reasons for comment. This stage encourages constructive comments that can be built into changes to be made to the document before it is formally published.
- 8.5 The formal key groups will have been instrumental in formulating the document, but will not have seen the final version. It is essential that an appropriate meeting is held with the stakeholder group and settled communities focus group so that they are fully aware of the content, can report back to their membership and discuss their response to it. It is also appropriate to undertake specific meetings with members from the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople community.
- 8.6 It is currently proposed that there will be a 12 week consultation period during May, June and July 2011. This will include notifying the specific consultees, as set out in Appendix 1, together with the consultees listed in all the SCI's and contained on the Local Authority databases. The exact approach and techniques will be tailored to suit specific groups and individuals.
- 8.7 At this stage, consultation will involve:
- Carefully worded press releases to local media and myth busting factsheet;
 - Special edition of local authority newsletters;
 - Local Strategic Partnerships receiving information and cascading to individual organisations;
 - Public consultation half day events, including exhibition, presentations and workshops;
 - Meetings specifically with members from the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities;

- Convening the settled communities focus group and stakeholder group;
- Letters and/or emails to organisations and groups included on the commissioning authorities LDF databases;
- Updates on the web site to include all documentation (including updated consultation and engagement report) with links to Limehouse on-line consultation; and
- Publication of paper on the Limehouse system and hard copies available with response forms to view at principal libraries and all council offices.

8.8 The timings and geographical spread of meetings, consultation events and workshops will depend to a large degree on the site options put forward. It is expected that events will take place close to the locations identified and the communities likely to be affected. Details about the exact consultation arrangements will be developed as the process progresses and the issues are explored with the key groups. Further information about this will therefore emerge at a later stage and appear on the website.

8.9 An essential element of consultation is feedback after people have commented. Appropriate arrangements will be set out early in the consultation process. Comments from workshops, meetings, consultation events and exhibitions will be collected, collated and analysed. It is anticipated that these will be submitted via the on-line Limehouse system. All the consultation responses received will be used to prepare an issues and preferred options consultation report. The report will include recommendations for the publication DPD. This report will be disseminated to the stakeholder group and settled communities focus group, as well as made available to others through the website and in other locations.

9 Stage 3: Formal public consultation

- 9.1 The purposes of engagement and formal consultation at Stage 3 are to:
- Allow consultees to make representations on the final document; and
 - Provide an opportunity for consultees to appear at the Examination to help produce a sound and good DPD;
- 9.2 The subsequent stage of publishing the DPD for formal consultation is subject to regulatory requirements. These include:

Publication consultation

During the publication stage, the public will have a 6 week statutory period to make representations on the published DPD and Sustainability Appraisal and Equalities Impact Assessment. This will include:

- Publishing the proposed submission documents and statements of procedures and making them available at principal offices, other places within the area and on the website;
- Advertising the availability of documents and the local representations procedure in local newspapers;
- Sending copies of the proposed submission documents and statements of procedures to the specific consultation bodies;
- Sending copies of the statements of procedures to the relevant general consultation bodies;
- Requesting a statement from the regional planning body that the DPD is in general conformity with the RSS;
- Receiving representations during the statutory period for representations; and
- Preparing a statement of consultation undertaken under regulation 25 and a summary of the main issues arising from representations received;

Submission consultation

At the end of the publication stage the finalised DPD and associated documents will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, who will also receive all representations made by the public during the publication consultation. This will include:

- Producing an addendum to the published version of the submission DPD (if making 'focused changes');
- Submitting the DPD, the sustainability appraisal report, a submission proposals map, the adopted SCI(s), supporting documentation and copies of representations made under regulation 28;
- Making copies of the submission documents and a statement of procedures available at principal offices, other places within the area and on the website;
- Advertising the availability of documents in a local newspaper;
- Sending copies of the proposed submission documents and supporting documents and a statement of procedures to the specific consultation bodies;

- Sending copies of the statements of procedures to the relevant general consultation bodies; and
 - Notifying those persons who requested to be notified that the DPD has been submitted.
- 9.3 The Planning Inspector will consider whether the DPD is a 'sound' document and talk through the 'soundness' of the document with the Councils and people who have made representations at publication stage and wish to appear at the Examination.
- 9.4 The Planning Inspector will produce a report stating whether the DPD has been found 'sound'. The report will be made available to the public, along with a consultation report summarising the issues raised and the response to them. These documents will be made available on the website, along with the adopted DPD and associated documents.

Appendix 1 Specific consultation bodies

Condensed list (related to Gypsy and Travellers/ Travelling Showpeople) from all the Dorset Statements of Community Involvement

The regulations specify that specific consultation bodies must be consulted if it is considered that the body will be affected by what is proposed to be covered in a DPD. The specific consultation bodies for this DPD are considered to be:

Organisations

- Government Office for the South West
- South West Councils
- South West Regional Development Agency
- Adjoining Local Planning Authorities
- Adjoining Town and Parish Councils
- Local Strategic Partnerships
- Local Authority Community Partnership

Racial, ethnic or national groups

- Gypsy Council
- Local Race Equality Councils
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Dorset Racial Equality Council
- Traveller Law Reform Coalition
- Equalities and Human Rights Commission
- Mental Health Services
- Connexions
- Community Law Partnership
- Disability Rights Commission
- Dorset County Council (Gypsy Liaison Officers)
- National Romani Rights Association
- National Travellers Action Group
- South West Law
- The Showmen's Guild (Western Section)
- Traveller Consultancy Services
- Women's National Commission

Citizens Advice groups

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Poole Council for Voluntary Services/ VOLNET (Voluntary Sector Development in Dorset)
- Age Concern/ Help the Aged

Environmental groups

- Council for the Protection of Rural England
- Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Woodland Trust
- Environment Agency
- Countryside Agency
- Natural England
- World Heritage Coast Management Committee
- Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
- Dorset Agenda 21
- Natural England
- Forestry Commission
- National Playing Fields Association
- Biodiversity Partnerships
- National Trust
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
- English Heritage
- Dorset Coastal Forum and World Heritage Steering Group
- Dorset Natural History & Archaeological Society
- Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
- Dorset AONB Partnership
- Agricultural Advisory Service
- National Farmers Union
- Local Biodiversity Action Plan group
- County Rights of Way Officer
- Avon Heath Country Park
- Dorset Coast Forum
- East Dorset Countryside Management Service
- Farming and Rural Conservation Agency
- Forest Enterprise

- Action with Communities in Rural England

Housing

- South West Housing and Regeneration Board
- Housing Associations
- Homes and Communities Agency
- South West RSL Planning Consortium
- National Home Builders Federation
- South West Registered Social Landlord Planning Consortium

Developers, agents and landowners

- Bournemouth Churches Housing Association
- Church Commissioners
- Salisbury Diocese
- Ministry for Defence
- Defence Estates
- Country Landowners Association
- Country Land & Business Association
- Bloxworth Estate
- Charborough Estate
- Crown Estate Office
- Durlston Country Park
- Holme Estate
- Imerys Minerals Ltd
- Lees Estate
- The Lulworth Estate
- Poole Harbour Commissioners
- Post Office Property Holdings
- Manor of Wareham-Rempstone Estates
- Sanworth Quarries Ltd
- Scott Estate
- The Weld Estate
- The Drax Trust
- Pitt-Rivers Estate
- Barton Willmore Planning Partnership
- Brimble Lea & Partners
- Cluttons

- Colin Buchanan
- Goadsby & Harding
- Goadsby & Harding (Commercial)
- Housing 21
- Knightstone Housing Group
- Lennon Planning Ltd
- Level Ltd
- Magna Housing Association
- Malcolm Judd & Partners
- National Housing Federation
- Palmer Snell Commercial
- Paul Dance Ltd
- Penrilla Consultants
- Persimmon Homes
- Planning & Countryside Advisor on behalf of DEFRA
- Property & Accommodation Services Ltd
- Raglan Housing Association
- Ripleys LLP
- Roger Tym & Partners
- Rural Planning Policy
- Savills
- SecondSite Property
- Signpost Care Partnerships
- South West Housing Body
- South West RSL Planning Consortium
- Strategic Land Partnerships
- Terence O'Rourke
- The Planning Bureau Ltd
- Westbury Homes (Holdings) Ltd
- Weymouth & Portland Housing
- Weymouth & Portland Private Landlords
- White Young Green Planning
- Crichel Estates Ltd
- Edmondsham House
- High Hall Estate

- Malmesbury Estates
- Meyrick Estate Management
- Rushmore Estate Office
- The Cranborne Estate
- The Gaunts Estate
- The Shaftsbury Estate

Public Services / infrastructure / strategic partnerships

- Highways Agency
- Strategic Rail Authority (DfT Rail Section)
- Network Rail Plc
- Local transport providers (Dorset Accessible and Responsive Transport, bus and rail companies and port operators)
- North Dorset Community Accessible Transport (NORDCAT)
- Wiltshire and Dorset Bus Company
- Transport 2000 Partnership
- Dorset Strategic Partnership
- Dorset Police
- Dorset Fire & Rescue Service
- Police Architectural Liaison Officers/Crime Prevention Design Advisors
- Healthpoint
- Bournemouth 2026
- Poole Partnership
- Relevant electricity and gas companies (British Gas; Transco; Southern Electricity)
- Relevant sewerage and water undertakers (Wessex Water)
- Strategic Health Authority (NHS South West - South and East Dorset PCT, Purbeck PCT, Poole PCT)
- Dorset Strategic Partnership
- Learning Skills Councils
- Life Education Centres Dorset
- Dorset Community Action (DCA)
- Purbeck Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- Dorset Police and Western Area Crime and Disorder Reduction
- Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Residents groups

- Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC)
- Alderney Area Residents Group
- Bearwood Community in Action
- Bourne Bottom Action Group
- Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Resident's Association
- Broadstone Residents' Association
- Dorset Lake Residents Association
- East Alderney & Rossmore Residents Association
- Elms Estate Association
- Hamside Residents Association
- Lake Resident's Association
- Nasan Avenue Neighbours
- Parkstone Bay Association
- Sandbanks Association
- Talbot & Branksome Woods Residents' Association
- Purbeck Community Partnership
- The Purbeck Society
- Swanage Town Partnership
- Swanage Residents Association
- Upton Town Partnership
- Wareham Town Trust
- Wareham Town Partnership
- Wareham Round Table
- Chesil Community Trust
- Dorset Community Action
- Littlemoor Community Action Forum
- Maltings Residents Association
- Portland, Island Volunteers for you
- Sutton Poyntz Society
- Waterside Weymouth Community Forum
- Westham Community Group
- Weymouth and Portland Partnership (Local LSP)
- Weymouth and Portland Residents Association
- Weymouth Civic Society

- Weymouth Community Volunteers
- West Dorset Partnership
- Bridport Local Area Partnership
- Dorchester Local Area Partnership
- Lyme Regis Local Area Partnership
- Sherborne Local Area Partnership
- Avon Castle and Ashley Action Group
- Edwards Court Residents Association
- Friar's Cliff Residents Association
- Friends & Residents of Grange Community Association (FROGS)
- Friends of Riverside, Bournemouth
- Highcliffe Residents Association
- Stanpit & Mudeford Residents Association
- Twynham Housing Association
- West Christchurch Residents Association
- Winkton Residents Association
- Wimborne Civic Society