

PROGRAMME FOR THE LOCAL PLAN AND RELATED POLICY DOCUMENTS

THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR
WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND

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INTRODUCTION

This document (the Local Development Scheme for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland) is intended to help the local community, service providers and developers to find out about current and future planning policies and when they might change. It covers the two council areas of West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland. The scheme reviews and updates the previously adopted scheme from June 2013.

The scheme lists our current planning policy documents as well as our programme for preparing new planning policy documents. It also includes information on proposed consultation times of key documents where these are scheduled, to make it clear when there will be opportunities for involvement in the plan-making process. Predicted timescales / dates are given in square brackets [], however these may be subject to change. We will review and roll forward the programme regularly.

It also covers a broader range of policy documents than legally required, including Neighbourhood Development Plans, Supplementary Planning Documents, and related documents such as previous Supplementary Planning Guidance, the Statement of Community Involvement and evidence to support planning policies.

The current priority within this programme is the examination and adoption of the new joint Local Plan. This will set the policy framework and identify the broad distribution of development in the district and borough. It will also include allocations of land for future development. As such the programme for related guidance may change as a result of the Inspector's findings on the policy proposals later this year.

Policies regarding minerals and waste are dealt with by Dorset County Council, which is responsible for preparing a development scheme in relation to its development plan documents. For more information in relation to minerals and waste policies please see www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf

NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL POLICY

The Government have reformed the planning system. It has greatly reduced and refined national planning policy. Regional policies and saved structure plans were withdrawn in May 2013.

	EXISTING	ANTICIPATED CHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT 3 YEARS
WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND	<p>The Government produced the national planning policy framework in March 2012. This sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.</p> <p>The national planning policy framework must be taken into account in the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans, and is a material consideration in planning decisions.</p> <p>The national planning policy framework (sometimes referred to as the NPPF) can be downloaded from www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf</p> <p>Online national planning practice guidance was published in March 2014 which can be found at http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/. This includes previously published guidance on renewable energy and flood risk.</p> <p>Specific guidance on traveller sites, published in March 2012, remains relevant as it was not included in the general practice guidance. This can be downloaded from www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-policy-for-traveller-sites .</p>	<p>No significant changes announced, although the online guidance will be updated as needed. It is possible to sign up for email alerts on any such changes.</p>

LOCAL PLANS

The Local Plan is the main Development Plan Document for the area. The saved policies of the adopted Local Plans (Weymouth & Portland 2005, and West Dorset 2006) currently form the main parts of the statutory development plan for each council area. A joint local plan has been prepared and submitted for examination, which when adopted will replace the two previous plans. For up-to-date information on the draft local plan see www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth

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WEST DORSET	<p>West Dorset District Local Plan (2006)</p> <p>The West Dorset District Local Plan was adopted on 14 July 2006, and includes development allocations to 2016. The majority of these policies have now been saved for an extended period see www.dorsetforyou.com/328.</p> <p>Para 215 of the national planning policy framework states that “due weight should be given to relevant policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with this [national planning policy] framework”. The framework goes on to say “the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in this framework, the greater the weight that may be given”. So unless the current local plan policies conflict, then they should continue to be given weight until such time that they are replaced by the emerging local plan.</p>	<p>West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (2013)</p> <p>A joint local plan for the area of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland is being prepared by West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, with each council approving the sections relevant to its area.</p> <p>The plan will set out a vision and spatial strategy for the area. It will include strategic policies, development management policies and development allocations. It will establish the number of homes and the amount of employment land to be delivered in the period up to 2031. Revisions to the Proposals Map showing where its policies apply will be published when the Local Plan is adopted.</p> <p>The pre-submission draft plan and proposed modifications were submitted to Government in June 2013. The modifications were subject to consultation August – October 2013.</p>
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	<p>Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (2005)</p> <p>The Weymouth & Portland Local Plan was adopted on 15 December 2005, and includes development allocations to 2011. Under the previous transitional arrangements many of these policies continue to be saved (see www.dorsetforyou.com/401380).</p> <p>Para 215 of the national planning policy framework states that “due weight should be given to relevant policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with this [national planning policy] framework”. The framework goes on to say “the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in this framework, the greater the weight that may be given”. So unless the current local plan policies conflict, then they should continue to be given weight until such time that they are replaced by the emerging local plan.</p>	<p>Para 216 of the national planning policy framework makes clear that weight can be given to draft policies as they progress towards adoption. The degree of weight given will vary, depending on significance of any unresolved objections, and to what extent the policy is consistent with the national planning policy framework.</p> <p>An Exploratory Meeting was held on 22 January 2014 so that the Inspector could consider whether the plan can progress to the hearing element of the examination. The councils have requested a formal suspension of the examination in order to carry out further work on the assessment of housing needs.</p> <p>The next key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Examination Hearings: starting [October 2014] ▪ Consultation on any proposed changes: [December 2014-January 2015] ▪ Adoption: by [May 2015]

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Neighbourhood Development Plans are prepared by local communities, but when adopted will form part of the statutory development plan. In addition to an independent examination, these plans will also be subject to a local referendum. The government's planning guidance states that an emerging neighbourhood plan may be a material consideration, with weight given to relevant policies based on the test set out in paragraph 216 of the Framework.

A number of local communities have begun work on preparing a neighbourhood plan for their area, so it is likely that some of these may be adopted in the next 3 years.

	EXISTING	ANTICIPATED CHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT 3 YEARS
WEST DORSET	There are currently no adopted neighbourhood development plans	<p>Neighbourhood areas have been agreed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buckland Newton ▪ Cerne Valley ▪ Loders ▪ Longburton ▪ Piddle Valley ▪ Puddletown <p>An application for a neighbourhood plan area has been made for Bridport, Allington and Symondsburry (combined).</p> <p>Cerne Valley Parish Council submitted their plan for examination in December 2013, and consultation closed on 7 March 2014. The next key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examination: [April 2014] ▪ Consideration of Examiner's report: [May 2014] ▪ Referendum: [July 2014] ▪ Plan made: by [October 2014]
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	There are currently no adopted neighbourhood development plans	<p>Neighbourhood areas have been agreed for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Portland <p>Portland Town Council is the only parished area in the Borough. Neighbourhood forums will need to be created for all other parts of the Borough in order to progress neighbourhood development plans.</p>

For up-to-date information on neighbourhood planning see www.dorsetforyou.com/neighbourhoodplanning/west/weymouth

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

Other development plan documents form part of the statutory development plan, and are subject to independent examination before they can be adopted. Work is progressing on the Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document. Two further Development Plan Documents have been identified in relation to the emerging local plan (although if, following the scoping stage, it is clear that they will not designate land or add new policy considerations, these will be downgraded to supplementary planning documents).

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WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND	There are currently no other development plan documents for the area.	<p>Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint development plan document</p> <p>A joint development plan is being prepared jointly with all the local planning authorities for the Dorset area. Adoption, and the agreement of draft documents for consultation and submission, will be by each of the councils individually, as a formal joint committee has not been set up. Consultants (Peter Brett Associates) have been appointed to help.</p> <p>The development plan document will set out a clear delivery strategy, allocate sufficient suitable permanent and transit sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople for the next 15 years.</p> <p>Public consultation on issues and options (including site options) took place between November 2011 and February 2012. In March 2012 the Government introduced a revised planning policy for traveller sites, which meant that the consultants have had to re-assess the accommodation needs, and further consultation on sites is now proposed to assess additional sites that were put forward.</p> <p>The next key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further consultation on sites: [Summer 2014] ▪ Pre-submission consultation on draft plan: [late 2015] ▪ Submission: [early 2016] ▪ Examination: [Summer 2016] ▪ Adoption: [by end 2016] <p>For the most up-to-date information see www.dorsetforyou.com/travellerpitches.</p>
		<p>Green Infrastructure Strategy</p> <p>Policy ENV3 of the draft local plan identifies the need to develop a green infrastructure strategy for the plan area. Working with local communities and relevant stakeholders, this will identify a green infrastructure network to support, but not prevent, the long-term development of communities. This will replace the existing local landscape designations.</p> <p>The key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scoping consultation: [Summer 2014] ▪ Pre-submission consultation on draft plan: [Spring 2015] ▪ Submission: [Autumn 2015] ▪ Examination: [Winter 2015] ▪ Adoption: [Spring 2016]

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WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND		<p>Coastal Change Management Areas</p> <p>Policy ENV7 of the draft local plan recognises that managing the risk from coastal change will require further work to be undertaken to identify all the areas likely to be affected by physical changes to the coast, and what limited development may be appropriate according to local circumstances. It proposes that these areas will be identified as Coastal Change Management Areas (CCMAs). Within these areas no new development will be permitted for residential or similarly occupied uses. The replacement of properties affected by coastal change may be permitted within a defined area agreed through a community relocation strategy as an exception to normal policy.</p> <p>The key stages and likely timescales for this work are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scoping consultation: [Autumn 2014] ▪ Pre-submission consultation on draft plan: [Spring 2015] ▪ Submission: [Autumn 2015] ▪ Examination: [Winter 2015] ▪ Adoption: [Spring 2016]

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Supplementary Planning Documents are linked to and provide further support for policies within Development Plan Documents. They do not require independent examination but should be produced with public involvement and consultation. The national planning policy framework makes clear that these should be used where they can help applicants make successful applications or aid infrastructure delivery, and should not be used to add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development.

The draft local plan refers to the preparation of a number of strategies. This includes masterplans to be prepared in relation to strategic sites in policies **WEY 1 WEYMOUTH TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY** and **LITT 1. LITTLEMOOR URBAN EXTENSION**. It is anticipated that these will be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents. Masterplans are also required for other strategic sites, due to their scale and complexity, but it is anticipated that these would be prepared to a prescribed national standard by the developer working in conjunction with the local community and relevant stakeholders, and ultimately agreed by the relevant planning authority. Progress on these will be considered in future reviews of this scheme, as if work has not commenced within a reasonable timescale then they may need to be prepared by the councils.

In addition to these policies, there are other areas of work where existing guidance should be reviewed in terms of how it reflects the new local plan and, if appropriate, extended to the whole plan area. This includes **Planning Obligations guidance** (including affordable housing), which will also need to take into account changes to how section 106 planning obligations may be negotiated following the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy, and **Design and Sustainable Development guidance**, which will also need to take into account changes to building regulations and renewable energy / energy efficiency requirements and carbon off-setting.

	EXISTING	ANTICIPATED CHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT 3 YEARS
WEST DORSET	<p>The current adopted Supplementary Planning Documents for West Dorset are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poundbury Development Brief (2006) ▪ Barton Farm Development Brief (2007) ▪ Design & Sustainable Development Guidelines (2009) ▪ Planning Obligations Guidelines (2010) 	<p>Development briefs may be withdrawn when the sites are developed.</p> <p>The relevancy of the Design & Sustainable Development Guidelines and Planning Obligations Guidelines (2010) will be reviewed when the joint local plan is adopted [May 2015]. At that time, some sections may be withdrawn. The documents will be withdrawn in their entirety when replaced by the adoption of the new joint Design and Sustainable Development guidance / joint Planning Obligations Guidelines SPD (see below).</p>

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	EXISTING	ANTICIPATED CHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT 3 YEARS
WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	There are no adopted Supplementary Planning Documents covering both council areas.	<p>New guidance will be produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Littlemoor Urban extension masterplan ▪ Planning Obligations Guidelines ▪ Design and Sustainable Development guidance <p>The key stages and likely timescales for work on the Littlemoor Urban extension masterplan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scoping work: [Autumn 2014] ▪ Draft masterplan consultation: [early 2015] ▪ Adoption: [Spring 2015] <p>The timescale for the preparation and adoption of new joint Design and Sustainable Development guidance and Planning Obligations Guidelines will be confirmed in a future review of this scheme, for 2015 onwards.</p>
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	There are no adopted Supplementary Planning Documents for Weymouth and Portland.	<p>New guidance will be produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weymouth Town Centre Masterplan <p>The key stages and likely timescales for this work are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scoping work: [Spring 2014] ▪ Draft masterplan consultation: [Autumn 2014] ▪ Adoption: [early 2015] – as an interim position prior to the local plan adoption, with full adoption alongside the local plan.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

INTERIM POLICY GUIDANCE

	EXISTING	ANTICIPATED CHANGES WITHIN THE NEXT 3 YEARS
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	<p>Weymouth Town Centre Interim Flood Defence Contributions Policy</p> <p>The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment highlighted that the town centre is at risk of coastal flooding. The Environment Agency advised the Borough Council against allowing any further development unless or until a mitigation strategy and contributions policy were put in place to ensure the protection of new and existing development in the town centre. A Flood Risk Management Strategy was produced, and an interim contributions policy was approved in September 2011 as an interim policy document to form the basis for negotiation of developer contributions to flood defences. This can be viewed at www.dorsetforyou.com/floodpolicy/wpbc</p>	<p>This will be replaced by the Community Infrastructure Levy, which is expected to be in place by [May 2015].</p>

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Previously adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance can be a material consideration in planning decisions. We do need to review these documents regularly to check that they remain valid and generally conform the national planning policy framework and to the adopted local plan or other development plan document. Where this is no longer the case, the guidance will be withdrawn.

	Existing	Withdrawn Guidance / Anticipated Changes
WEST DORSET	<p>Previously adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance for West Dorset that is still currently relevant and a material consideration in planning decisions includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weymouth Avenue Development Brief (2004); ▪ Vision for West Bay Regeneration Framework (2003); ▪ Bridport South West Quadrant Regeneration Framework (2002); ▪ Charles Street Planning Brief (1999, updated 2006). ▪ Bothenhampton Village Design Statement (2003) ▪ Bradford Peverell Village Design Statement (2000) ▪ Charminster Village Design Statement (2004) ▪ Osmington Village Design Statement (2003) ▪ Piddle Valley Village Design Statement (2004) ▪ Village Design Statement for the Parish of Lodders (2000) ▪ Walditch Design Statement (2004) ▪ West Stafford Village Design Statement (2002) 	<p>The remaining guidance may be withdrawn when the sites are developed, or the relevant policy basis removed, or, in the case of village design statements, when replaced by Neighbourhood Development Plans.</p>

	Existing	Withdrawn Guidance / Anticipated Changes
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	<p>Supplementary Planning Guidance that is still relevant to support saved Local Plan policies in Weymouth & Portland comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Landscape matters! Supplementary Planning Document on Landscape, Design, and Open Space (2004) ▪ Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas (2002) ▪ Local Needs Housing (2006) ▪ Portland Beach Huts (2006) ▪ Southwell Business Park (2006) ▪ Urban Design (2002) 	<p>The status of these documents will be reviewed when the new Local Plan is adopted [May 2015]. At that time, some may have sections withdrawn, and some may be withdrawn in their entirety. It is anticipated that they will all have been withdrawn when the new joint Design and Sustainable Development guidance and Planning Obligations Guidelines have been adopted.</p>

Conservation Area Appraisals are material considerations in planning decisions. Appraisals have been carried out for many of the designated areas, and these can be seen on the councils' web site at www.dorsetforyou.com/conservation/west and www.dorsetforyou.com/conservation/weymouthtowncentre

Further work on assessing the historic urban character of the towns and some villages has been undertaken by the county council as part of the Historic Towns Project www.dorsetforyou.com/390076. This includes Abbotsbury, Beaminster, Bridport, Cerne Abbas, Charmouth, Lyme Regis, Sherborne, Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

PLANNING BRIEFS AND CONCEPT STATEMENTS

Both councils have produced planning briefs for key sites which, although not formally adopted as policy in their own right, provide a useful interpretation of existing planning policy at that time. When the sites have been developed or are nearing completion the guidance will be withdrawn.

	Existing	Anticipated Changes
WEST DORSET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trinity Street mixed use area, Dorchester (2008) www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=129997&filetype=pdf ▪ Stratton House Planning Statement (2011) www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=192178&filetype=pdf 	<p>Status to be reviewed on adoption of the new local plan [May 2015].</p> <p>Further sites may come forward at short notice.</p>
WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire Station Site, North Quay, Weymouth - Planning and Development Guidance (2008) www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=162389&filetype=pdf ▪ Pavilion / Ferry Terminal Site Weymouth - Development Brief (2008) ▪ QinetiQ Bincleaves - Planning Brief (2004) www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=162390&filetype=pdf 	<p>The existing guidance will be replaced by the Weymouth Town Centre Strategy Masterplan in [early 2015].</p> <p>Further sites may come forward at short notice.</p>

EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT PLANNING POLICIES

The following generic studies have been carried out by or on behalf of the two councils (or, where the dates are shown in [square] brackets, the work is currently programmed). These studies are used to inform the development of planning policy. These studies are in addition to statistical and other research carried out by the county council (see www.dorsetforyou.com/statistics) and other organisations (such as the Parish Plans produced by local communities) which are also taken into account in forming new policies.

STUDY	AREA COVERED	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions study	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (Dorset-wide and separate reports)	2010 report on the economic viability of developing housing sites across Dorset, Poole and Bournemouth. Includes an analysis of housing land supply and scheme viability. Further viability studies were undertaken in 2012-13 as part of the evidence base for the Community Infrastructure Levy	2010 / 2012 / 2013
Coastal Planning Guidance	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland	Study to identify the nature of the risks posed to coastal areas from future coastal change along each section of coast advice on managing these risks in the future.	2013
Economic vision for Dorchester and Weymouth	Dorchester and Weymouth	Assessment of economic potential and development of economic vision for the two towns	2008
Employment Land Review	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (separate reports)	Assessment of employment land need and opportunities for provision, including review of existing provision, an assessment of future needs and appraisal of potential new sites if needed. This was informed, in part, by the Assessment of Potential Employment Sites (West Dorset) (2009).	2013
Flood Risk Assessment	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (separate reports)	Level 1 and Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessments. Level 1 reports assess all forms of flood risk taking into account the likely impacts of climate change. Level 2 reports refine and build on the previous work, providing more detailed information to inform the allocation of sites that may be within areas of flood risk. The Flood Risk Management Strategy for Weymouth in 2010 reviewed the specific flood risk management measures required in relation Weymouth town centre.	2008 / 2010 WD 2006 / 2010 W&P
Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment	Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	An assessment of how many households are likely to be seeking pitches in the area in the future, with the estimated need apportioned by local authority on the basis of where the need currently arises or where future household growth will arise.	2013
Housing Land Availability Assessment	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (separate reports)	Strategic assessment of all existing and potential sites for future housing development, considering their suitability, availability and achievability.	2010 WD 2009 W&P

STUDY	AREA COVERED	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Housing Market Assessment	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (joint and separate reports)	Strategic assessment of the housing market, needs and demands. The 2008 work included a more detailed survey of housing needs and demand. The 2011 review used a detailed analysis of secondary data, interview with housing stakeholders and updated population and household projections. A review of future housing requirements for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland was subsequently carried out in 2013.	2008 / 2011 / 2013
Landscape Character Assessment	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (separate reports)	The study identifies different landscape types and character areas, using the most up-to-date methods promoted by Natural England. The assessment is based on desk study research and field survey work. In addition to these studies, a Landscape and Seascape Character Assessment of the Dorset Coast has been undertaken on behalf of the Dorset Coast Forum (2010), and further work on the landscape impact assessment of the proposed strategic sites was published in 2013.	2009 WD 2013 W&P
Local Energy Plan	West Dorset	Identifies scope for renewable energy provision within the district and areas within which various technologies are viable	2011 WD
Open Space and Recreation Facilities Audit	West Dorset Weymouth and Portland (separate reports)	Audit of open space and recreation facilities, including recommendations for local standards, and comparison of existing provision with standards. This work was updated in part as a background paper for the West Dorset Planning Obligations Guidelines produced in 2010.	2007 / 2010 WD 2007 W&P
Rural Functionality Study	West Dorset	Assessment of how rural areas function. Based on a survey of residents in ten villages and three rural business sites, coupled with a desktop study based on secondary data from sources such as the census. This supplements at a more detailed level the Functional Analysis of Settlements undertaken as part of the Regional Spatial Strategy evidence base in 2005.	2007
Tourism report	West Dorset	Background information related to tourism in West Dorset. It covers an assessment of visitor numbers, visitor spend and its contribution to the local economy, a review of holiday accommodation stock and occupancy levels, visitor attractions and other visitor facilities.	2008
Town centre retail and leisure study	Dorchester, Weymouth and the West Dorset market towns	Assessment of future retail and leisure capacity in each town. A 2010 addendum was completed for the Dorchester and Weymouth area, based upon revised assumptions to reflect the latest population projections and expenditure growth rates in the changed economic climate. An additional report examining in greater detail the economic strengths and weaknesses of Weymouth Town Centre has been programmed	2008 / 2010 [2014]

STUDY	AREA COVERED	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Urban Extensions study	Dorchester and Weymouth (including outlying areas)	Study of options for locations, infrastructure requirements, deliverability and viability of the urban extensions of Dorchester and Weymouth proposed in the regional spatial strategy proposed modifications.	2008
Urban Wildlife Corridors and Stepping Stones	Weymouth and Portland	A provisional assessment of the existing wildlife corridors and key stepping stone sites in the area, using data collated by Dorset Environmental Records Centre, in consultation with Dorset Wildlife Trust and Natural England.	2010
Workspace Study	Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole	Projections for class B employment uses for the main towns including Weymouth and Dorchester. Projections are also provided for the remaining area categorised as 'Rural Dorset'. The 2012 study updates the employment land projections, but the 2008 'key site delivery strategy' has not been reviewed or superseded. In addition, further evidence on wider economic factors is included in the Local Economic Assessment for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole, which was produced on behalf of Dorset County Council and the two unitary authorities of Poole and Bournemouth in 2011.	2008 / 2012

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the standards each council will apply in involving the community in the preparation and review of all local planning policy documents, and in planning application decisions, and how the council intends to achieve these standards.

Both Councils have also adopted Statements of Community Involvement, Weymouth & Portland's in December 2006 and West Dorset's in January 2007.

Given the joint work that is now being progressed, these Statements of Community Involvement need to be reviewed in order to provide a common basis for this work. Consultation on a draft started in March 2014. The review should be completed by the summer.

For more information see www.dorsetforyou.com/statement-of-community-involvement/west/weymouth.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Community Infrastructure Levy is a new mechanism for collecting financial contributions from developers towards the provision of infrastructure needed as a result of development. The money can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development. This includes new or safer road schemes, public transport, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities, park improvements, green spaces and leisure centres.

The levy is accompanied by the councils' Infrastructure Delivery Plan and CIL Regulation 123 List. The Regulation 123 list gives a schedule of the infrastructure that the councils intend to fund (in whole or part) through the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan provides a more detailed review of the infrastructure requirements to support the levels of growth set out in the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Joint Local Plan, how these will be funded and timescales for delivery. Both of these are 'live' documents that will require reviewing and updating regularly to keep track of infrastructure delivery during the plan period.

Before the levy can be charged, both councils need to prepare a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. The levy must be based on an up-to-date local plan, and so has been prepared in tandem with the local plan. The councils are required to consult on their proposals, and to appoint an independent expert to examine and agree the proposed charges.

Work on the development of the Community Infrastructure Levy has been carried out in parallel for both council areas. There will be two separate charging schedules, one for each authority area, taking into account the infrastructure needs and development viability in each area. These have been subject to the necessary consultations, and were submitted for examination alongside the local plan in June 2013. The next key stages are:

- Public Examination: starting [October 2014] (alongside the joint local plan)
- Adoption and commencement: [May 2015] (following the adoption of the joint local plan)

For the most up-to-date information on the levy see

www.dorsetforyou.com/communityinfrastructurelevy/west/weymouth

KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES

The following table outlines the key programme milestones. All timescales are indicative and may be subject to change. Neighbourhood planning programmes are only included following submission (as the previous stages are administered by the relevant neighbourhood body).

	Council	Lead team	Q2 2014	Q3 2014	Q4 2014	Q1 2015	Q2 2015	Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017
Local plan	Joint	LP	*	(C)	E	C	A							
Cerne Valley Neighbourhood Plan	CVPC	(Imp)	E	R	A									
DPD: Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople	Dorset	(LP)	C					C	S	E		A		
DPD: Green Infrastructure Strategy	Joint	Imp		C				C	S	E		A		
DPD: Coastal Change Management Guidance	Joint	LP						C		C	S	E		
SPD: Littlemoor Urban extension masterplan	Joint	Imp				C	A							
SPD: Weymouth Town Centre masterplan	W&PBC	Imp			C	(I)	A							
SPD: Design and Sustainable Development	Joint	Imp					P							
SPD: Planning Obligations Guidelines	Joint	Ob					P							
SCI: Statement of Community Involvement	Joint	CP	C	A										
CIL: Community Infrastructure Levy	WDDC	Ob	*		E		A							
CIL: Community Infrastructure Levy	W&PBC	Ob	*		E		A							

* decision taken to suspend the examination to enable additional work to be undertaken by the council, CIL examination re-aligned with local plan programme

Key:

C	Consultation (lighter shading indicates preparatory work)
R	Referendum (applicable for neighbourhood plans)
S	Submission
E	Examination
A	Adoption (lighter shading indicates preparatory work)
(I)	Interim approval / ratification (in advance of the local plan)
P	Programme to be prepared / reviewed

Imp	Implementation team
LP	Local Plans team
Ob	Obligations officer
CP	Community Planning / Development

(I) indicates the main team involved, although the lead is external to the council