



# BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To: All Town Councillors  
Members of the Public & Press

Dorset Council Councillors

Dear Member

## TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum on **20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.00pm** to consider the following items.

Linda Scott-Giles  
Town Clerk  
13<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## A G E N D A

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Council, during which time members of the public may speak. During the course of the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the County and District Councils may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Council may on occasion invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where points of information or their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Council. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

1. Public Session
2. Apologies
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019
5. Appendix A – New Planning Applications (refer to draft Appendix A attached)
6. Appendix B – Dorset Council decisions on Planning Applications and Applications Awaiting Decisions (to be displayed at the meeting)
7. Site Visits/Dorset Council Planning Meetings
8. To consider responding to the public consultation on the proposed modifications to the Mineral Sites Plan on [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-site](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mineral-site)

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9. To consider responding to NALC on the vehicle operator licensing system consultation (paper attached)
10. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

### **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mayor Making Ceremony
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Town Council Photograph at 6.30pm/Town Council Meeting (Trust AGM) 7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting

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**PLANNING APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Planning Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments
1	2/2019/0386/HOUSE Mr M Ballard 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	<b>15 Orchard Street</b> Erect detached double garage (demolish existing retrospective).	
2	2/2019/0473/FUL Dr Laura Artis- Ashurst (Artis) 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>Grainstore Shaftesbury Lane</b> Change of use of 'Office 2' (B1) to (D1).	

**Previous applications:**

		<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Dorset Council</b>
2/2018/1044/HOUSE Mr M Ballard 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	<b>15 Orchard Street</b> Erect detached double garage (demolish existing) (retrospective).	The Town Council objects to the application due to its overdevelopment of its design, style and size in a conservation area.	<b>Withdrawn</b>

## To consider responding to NALC on the consultation on the vehicle operator licensing system

### Background

The Department for Transport has issued a new consultation on the vehicle operator licensing system which is due to come into force by 1 April 2020. To access the consultation click on [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/792110/consultation-into-making-legislative-changes-to-the-operator-licensing-system.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/792110/consultation-into-making-legislative-changes-to-the-operator-licensing-system.pdf).

### Context & proposals

The Government wishes to introduce formal tribunal rules to allow traffic commissioners to deal with cases fairly and justly.

Public Sector Vehicle (PSV) operator licences are considered in chapter 1 and formal tribunal rules are examined in chapter 2.

NALC is minded to highlight:

1. Its position that local councils should be statutory consultees at all stages during traffic commissioner cases.
2. Its position that the Government needs to consult with local councils on HGV parking sites in suitably sustainable locations within their boundaries.
3. Its position that the Government needs to introduce measures to make it easier to de-criminalise breaches of parking regulation for the purposes of allowing local councils to enforce those regulations.

### Consultation questions

NALC will be responding to the below consultation questions and is interested in the sector's views:

Question 1 - Do you agree with changing PSV operator licence procedures so that applicants can have operational approval at the earliest opportunity (subject to normal safeguards)?

Question 3 - Do you agree that introducing formal tribunal rules will be beneficial to the Traffic Commissioner's tribunal functions? If No, you are against tribunal rules introduction because?