



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 meeting which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum on **Monday 4th September 2023 at 7:00 pm** to consider the following items. This meeting will also be available to view online using Microsoft Teams [using this link](#).

Linda Scott-Giles
Town Clerk
29th August 2023

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 Committee, 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 Dorset Council 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 Committee 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 Committee.

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.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

1. Public Session
2. Apologies
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
4. [Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2023](#)
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 (emailed to councillors prior to meeting)
7. Site Visits/Dorset Council Planning Meetings

8. [Clerk's Report & Correspondence](#)
 - 8.1 [Update on the Modification Review of Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan](#)
 - 8.2 [Letter of concern with regards to Neighbourhood Planning to Simon Hoare.](#)
 - 8.3 [Invite to local businesses to meet Visit Dorset at Community Expo](#)
9. [To consider responding to the Dorset Council Housing Strategy](#)

Dates of Next Meetings

8 th September	Dorset Architectural Heritage Week (Cemetery Chapel)
11 th September	Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting
16 th September	Community Expo (including budget consultation) Dorset Architectural Heritage Week (Corn Exchange, Town Hall & Council Chamber)
18 th September	Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting
25 th September	Town Council Meeting

Minutes of the Town Council and Committee meetings are available from Blandford Library, the Town Clerk's Office and at www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk.

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PLANNING APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Planning Meeting on Monday 4th September 2023

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments/ Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033
1	<u>P/HOU/2023/03991</u> Mr & Mrs McKechnie Extension agreed 5 th September	12 St Leonards Avenue Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7NZ Erect Side and Rear Extensions and Decking area	Blandford + NP policy B1
2	<u>P/VOC/2023/03832</u> Lawsh One Ltd Extension agreed 5 th September	Larksmead House 101 Salisbury Road Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7SW Demolish existing buildings and erect 7 No. dwellings. Modify vehicular access and form parking spaces (with variation to Condition No. 1 of Planning Permission No. P/FUL/2021/02562 to amend the approved plans for revised siting and design of dwellings and retain existing outbuilding).	Blandford + NP policy B1 and B11
3	<u>P/FUL/2023/04326</u> Norton Developments Extension agreed 6th September	Wilchurch Wimborne Road Blandford Forum DT11 9HL Demolish existing garage and erect 2 detached dwellings.	Blandford + NP policy B1
4	<u>P/LBC/2023/04398</u> Mrs Linda Wilson Deadline 5th September	20 The Close Blandford Forum DT11 7HA Retain previously installed PVC rear windows & door and plastic guttering surrounding wooden extension. Retain works to seal interior chimney breast	Blandford + NP policy B1
5	<u>P/HOU/2023/04353</u> Mr W Couch Extension agreed 5 th September	35 Queens Road Blandford Forum DT11 7JY Install dormer window to rear. install roof light and solar panels to front elevation.	Blandford + NP policy B1 and B11
6	<u>P/TRT/2023/04277</u> Mr N Senior For Information Only	14 Fields Oak - land adjacent Blandford Forum DT11 7PP T1 - Yew - Reduce 3m off the side overhanging border of no. 14 and touching roof of house. Reason: To create clearance from house and is causing shading and excessive foliage and seeds. T2 - Sycamore -	For information only

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments/ Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033
		Reduce side overhanging sheds by 2m. Reason: To stop branches encroaching on neighbouring sheds	
7	New Tree Preservation Order TPO/2023/0045	T1 Walnut rear garden of 127 Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum, DT11 7SW It is considered that premature removal or extensive pruning of the trees would have a significant negative impact on the amenity to the local environment and its enjoyment by the public.	Comments must be made within 6 months of the 27 th July 2023
8	P/TRC/2023/04714 For Information Only	16 Nursery Road Blandford Forum DT11 7EZ T1 - Cherry - Fell due to excessive shading and intrusion of large roots across no. 17 Nursery Road.	For information only
9	P/TRC/2023/04715 For information only	22 Dorset Street Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7RF T1 - Sycamore. Remove at ground level as tree is leaning toward 22 Dorset Street and 1 Dorset Place due to being suppressed by trees behind it. Owners are concerned because it has shed a few limbs and young children play in the garden under the tree	For information only

Clerk's Report & Correspondence

8.1 To receive an update on the Blandford + NP Modification Review

The final version of the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report (1 August 2023) has been published on the Blandford + and Dorset Council websites. [Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2033 - Dorset Council](#)

Examiners Executive Summary

'I made an initial determination on 21 June 2023 that the modifications contained in the draft Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Review (the Plan/B+NPR) are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood plan which the draft Plan would replace. From my examination of the B+NPR and its supporting documentation, including the representations made, I have concluded that subject to the Examiner Modifications (EMs) set out in this report, the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. I have also concluded that: - the Plan has been prepared and submitted for examination by a qualifying body: Blandford Forum Town Council; Blandford St Mary Parish Council; and Bryanston Parish Council; - the Plan has been prepared for an area properly designated – the Designated Area as identified on Figure A of the document, on page 7; - the Plan specifies the period to which it is to take effect – 2011 to 2033; and - the policies relate to the development and use of land for a designated neighbourhood area. Therefore, I recommend that Dorset Council should make the Plan with the EMs specified in the Report (there will be no statutory requirement for a referendum).'

The Examiner has requested 3 minor modifications which will be made by the Committee Clerk and Dorset Council. Once these modifications have been made Ed Gerry from Dorset Council will take the modified plan to Cabinet on the 3rd October for approval.

8.2 Letter of concern to Simon Hoare

Following receipt of an email from Newcastle Under Lyme (links to correspondence below) we wrote to Simon Hoare expressing our concern that 'Made' neighbourhood plans are being overlooked.

- [Open letter](#)
- [Appeal decision](#)
- [Letter to Simon Hoare](#)

Response from Simon Hoare:-

Dear Julie

Thank you for bringing to my attention. I have read the Inspector's decision notice. There is nothing the SoS can now do. Aggrieved parties could seek a Judicial Review but only if there has been an error in process.

Reading, in isolation, an Appeal decision does not, of course, paint the full local picture. In broad terms I feel the Inspector reached the correct decision given the adjacency of relatively recent residential development.

If the MP for the area is aggrieved, I am sure he will raise with the SoS. It is not for me to do so.

While decisions can be prayed in aid as precedent an a priori precedent cannot and is not set as each proposal is judged on its individual merits. It certainly has no bearing on the Rothermere proposal.

Best wishes

Simon

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8.3 Local businesses have been invited to meet Visit Dorset at our Community Expo.



**BLANDFORD FORUM
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Saturday 16th September 2023
10am - 1pm
Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum**

**Networking Opportunity for
Blandford Businesses - it's time to put North
Dorset back on the map!**

Blandford Forum Town Council is proud to be part of the North Dorset Tourism Group, working in partnership with SturBiz, Shaftesbury Town Council, Gillingham Town Council and The White Hart Link to help bring tourism to North Dorset.

We've been working together to share information of tourist attractions around the North Dorset area, which are being added to the Visit Dorset website. The new 'North Dorset' section of the website will direct tourists to all the fantastic attractions in the area and we want to help businesses get on board.

Visit Dorset will have a stand at the Town Council's Community Expo on Saturday 16th September 2023 from 10am to 1pm.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other like-minded businesses and find out how Visit Dorset can help promote your business.

We look forward to seeing you there!



9. To consider responding to the Dorset Council Housing Strategy Consultation

The Dorset Council has launched the [Housing Strategy Consultation](#) and the information in this report was emailed to Councillors in July.

Residents who take part will have the opportunity to influence the council's approach to housing over the next five years. The consultation is primarily a questionnaire, with some space for free text, it's anticipated it will take just minutes to complete. The aim is for as many people as possible to contribute with their views about what is important to them. Key issues such as housing need, supply, and standards are some of the issues highlighted. The over-arching aim of the consultation however is simple, to hear what residents have to say.

Lead member for Housing Councillor Graham Carr-Jones said;

"The housing strategy is for and about the residents of Dorset. Dorset Council does not want to produce a strategy without collaborating with the people it is about and the people it is for. Our residents' feedback is as important as ever and when we've consulted in the past we have been encouraged by the response. The consultation is for everyone, individuals, families, organisations, people of all ages and backgrounds."

[Visit the website to take part in the consultation.](#)

There are also short videos about residents' experiences. The consultation is open for 10 weeks.

If residents are unable to complete the consultation on -line or wish to request a paper copy, please call [01305 221000](tel:01305221000) for further information.

The strategy will run from 24th July 2023 for ten weeks and closes on Monday 2nd October 2023.

An evidence-based document will also be available for anyone who chooses to read it, it is not compulsory. It can be accessed on the consultation site or at libraries. Paper copies will need to be returned by 6th October 2023.

Recommendation

To consider responding to the Dorset Council Housing Strategy Consultation, by the deadline of Monday 2nd October 2023.

Julie Wigg
Committee Clerk
20th July 2023



The graphic features the Dorset Council logo at the top left, with the text 'Dorset Council' and 'Housing Strategy' in a teal diamond shape. Below this is a dark blue horizontal bar with icons for a house, a person, and a document, and the text 'Home in on Housing'. The main text reads: 'Help us **Home In On Housing** by influencing our strategy'. Below this is a call to action: 'We'd like you to answer our questionnaire and tell us what's important to you about housing.' and 'Our consultation is open now for ten weeks until **2 October 2023.**'. At the bottom, it says 'Paper copies are available on request and must be returned by 6 October 2023. Call 01305 221000 Email housingstrategyproject@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk #HomeInOnHousing' and includes a QR code.