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, The Market Place, Blandford Forum DT11 7AF on **Monday 2nd February 2026 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
26th January 2026

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 12th January 2026
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 (distributed prior to meeting)
7. Site Visits/Dorset Council Planning Meetings
8. Committee Clerk's Report & Correspondence

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PLANNING APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Planning Meeting on Monday 2nd February 2026

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments/ Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033
1	P/VOC/2026/00028 Mr T Sweet-Escott Deadline: 03/03/2026	**23-25 Market Place Blandford Forum DT11 7AF** Subdivision of existing commercial unit into 2no. commercial units, with new doors, windows and internal alterations (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2025/02463 to amend approved plans)	Blandford + NP Policies: B10 Design Code: CA2 Built Form Code:15, 16, 17 & 19
2	P/VOL/2026/00030 Mr T Sweet-Escott Deadline: 03/03/2026	**23-25 Market Place Blandford Forum DT11 7AF** Alterations to subdivide existing commercial unit into 2no. commercial units, with new doors, windows and internal alterations (with variation of conditions 2 & 6 of listed building consent P/LBC/2025/02464 - to amend approved plans & allow for removal of security doors)	Blandford + NP Policies: B10 Design Code: CA2 Built Form Code:15, 16, 17 & 19
3	P/VOL/2026/00031 Mr T Sweet-Escott Deadline: 03/03/2026	**23-25 Market Place Blandford Forum DT11 7AF** Alterations to subdivide existing commercial unit into 2no. commercial units, with new doors, windows and internal alterations (with variation of conditions 2 & 6 of planning permission P/VOL/2025/05568 - to amend approved plans & allow for removal of security doors)	Blandford + NP Policies: B10 Design Code: CA2 Built Form Code:15, 16, 17 & 19
4	P/FUL/2025/07203 Mrs Joanne Fordham Deadline: 05/02/2026	**Chamen House 9 The Plocks Blandford Forum DT11 7AA** Replace two circular windows on front elevation	Blandford + NP Policies: B10 Design Code: CA2 Built Form Code:15 & 16
5	P/FUL/2025/07628 Mr David Stringer Deadline: 09/02/2026	**13-15 West Street Blandford Forum DT11 7AW** Change of use of building to hotel (use class C1)	Blandford + NP Policies: B10 Design Code: CA2 Built Form Code:15, 16, 17 & 19

Tree Works- Information Only

	Application & Date	Application Details
1	P/TRT/2026/00385	Land South Of Preetz Way Blandford Forum DT11 7XH T2 - Holly - Fell. T950 - Elm - Fell. T908 - Beech - Reduce squirrel damaged leader by 2-3m. T916 - Beech - Remove major dead wood. T917 - Beech - Remove hanging/damaged branches. T925 - Beech - Reduce squirrel damaged limb in upper south canopy by 2m. T937 - Beech - Remove major dead wood. T940 - Beech - Reduce 2x squirrel and abrasion damaged branches by 2m.

Agenda Item No.8

Committee Clerk's Report

B+ Monitoring Group Update – The group held a meeting on 26th January. The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the recent vague information regarding the future of Neighbourhool Plan's and to discuss the future of the group. The chair emphasised that this is a statutory plan until October 2028, and whether or not the plan gets renewed in October 2028 there is still work to be getting on with on behalf of residents. It was agreed that the group should continue to complete the tasks in hand and perhaps create new objectives going forward, particularly considering so many local shops have recently closed.