

Minerals and Waste Planning

Dorset County Council; on behalf of Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole; is planning for the management of minerals and waste over the next sixteen years. The minerals and waste team at the County Council need to estimate the amount of waste that will be produced in the county by 2031 and work out what to do with it. The construction industry needs sand, gravel and building stone to continue building homes and roads for the next sixteen years and Dorset will supply some of this.

By working with industry and looking at population and economic projections the team is preparing plans for managing waste and mineral extraction that will provide for the future of the county. The plans have been drafted and the team is going out and about across Dorset explaining the plans and asking for your opinions on the proposals. The consultation opened on 15 July and will run until 23 September 2015.



The plans in question are the Draft Waste Plan and Draft Mineral Sites Plan. The new Waste Plan will identify sites for new waste management facilities to meet the county's needs. Once adopted, it will provide the policy framework for determining planning applications for waste management facilities. The Mineral Sites Plan will allocate suitable sites for quarrying of sand, gravel, building stones and ball clay to meet requirements.

There are a number of public exhibitions being held across the county during the consultation period with an exhibition in Poole being held on Wednesday 12 August between 3pm and 7pm at the Bearwood Community Centre. The dates, times and venues of the other public exhibitions and any further information regarding the consultation on the two documents can be found online at:

www.dorsetforyou.com/minerals-and-waste



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The Draft Waste Plan can be viewed and commented on online at:

http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/draft_waste_plan

The Draft Mineral Sites Plan can be viewed and commented on online at:

http://consult.dorsetforyou.com/portal/draft_minerals_plan

Paper copies of the plans are available at the Civic Centre and written responses can be sent to:

Minerals & Waste Planning Policy, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

For further information please call 01305 228571 or email mwdf@dorsetcc.gov.uk

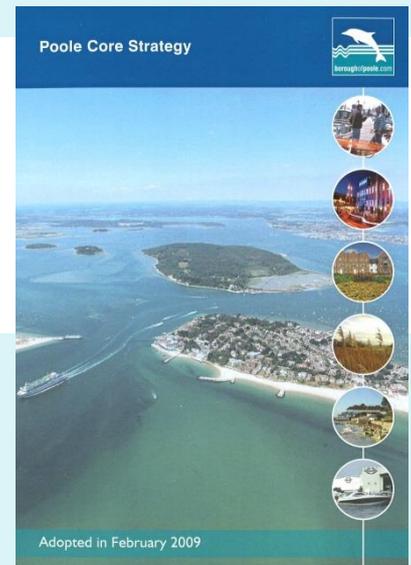
Policy Update

Core Strategy Review

The consultation on the Core Strategy Review Issues and Options document ran from 16 February to 31 March 2015. As part of the consultation 1,712 consultees from the planning consultation database were contacted as well as 1,967 recipients of the Planning and Regeneration govdelivery e-bulletin. Over 230 responses were received from residents, community groups and representatives from the development industry.

The comments received are now being considered by Officers and the Council will over the course of the next 6-12 months work jointly with the other local authorities across Dorset to identify how to meet the housing and employment needs of the wider area. This may involve a review of the Green Belt that wraps around the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole conurbation.

A timetable has yet to be agreed for this work, but it needs to be completed to enable the Council to progress the Core Strategy Review to examination and ultimately adoption. It is hoped the review will be completed by 2018 providing a planning framework to guide sustainable development in Poole up to 2031. Further information can be found [online](#).



Town Centre Planning and Urban Design SPD



The consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) closed on 31 March 2015. As part of the consultation 1,790 consultees from the planning consultation database were contacted as well as 1,967 recipients of the Planning and Regeneration govdelivery e-bulletin. Drop in workshops were well attended and a number of representations were received from residents, community groups and representatives from the development industry. It is anticipated that the proposed document for adoption will go to the Council's Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (EcOS) in November with the SPD due to be adopted in December 2015. Further information can be found [online](#).

Planning Contributions

Community Infrastructure Levy Review

The consultation on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule ran from 16 February to 31 March 2015. As part of the consultation 1,712 consultees from the planning consultation database were contacted as well as 1,967 recipients of the Planning and Regeneration govdelivery e-bulletin. Nearly 40 responses were received from residents, community groups and representatives from the development industry. The timescale for the remainder of the CIL Review is:

- **Preparation of Draft Charging Schedule** - Spring/Summer 2015
- **Public Consultation on Draft Charging Schedule** - Autumn 2015
- **Submission of Charging Schedule for Examination** - December 2015
- **Examination in Public** - Early 2016
- **Adoption of new Charging Schedule** - Summer 2016

New Heathland Planning Contribution

A new heathland planning contribution has been introduced as a charge for Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMM). Residential development that cannot avoid or mitigate its own adverse effects upon the Dorset Heaths Natura 2000 sites is required to make a contribution towards the overall Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy. This strategy has two elements, Heathlands Infrastructure Projects which are funded through CIL in Poole, and SAMM, which is non infrastructure provision such as wardening, education and monitoring.



SAMM is not infrastructure and cannot be funded through CIL and therefore since 8 April 2015 a new charge will be payable to cover this element of the strategy. The introduction of this charge was approved at a meeting of the Council's Cabinet on 24 March 2015 and will ensure that residential development is able to continue to be granted planning permission subject to other considerations. The SAMM charge is also effective for prior approval applications for the change of use and or conversion of non residential development to housing. This means that any new dwelling that comes forward by whatever course will pay a direct contribution toward mitigating the adverse effects of its impact upon the Dorset Heaths.

The charge is based on the cost of delivering SAMM in Poole and will be £355 per house and £242 per flat. The contribution is payable through either an Unilateral Undertaking or Section 111 agreement, together with an administration fee of £50 or 2%, whichever is greater. Standard templates for these can be found [online](#).

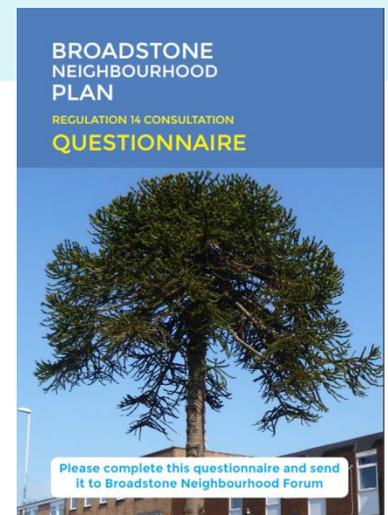
Neighbourhood Plans

The Localism Act introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood planning can be taken forward by neighbourhood forums of which Poole has two; Broadstone and Poole Quays. Neighbourhood forums are community groups that are designated to take forward neighbourhood planning in areas without parishes. It is the role of the local planning authority to agree who should be the neighbourhood forum for the neighbourhood area.

The criteria for establishing neighbourhood forums are being kept as simple as possible to encourage new and existing residents' organisations, voluntary and community groups to put themselves forward.

Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum

The Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum, established in 2013, has recently prepared a draft Neighbourhood Plan which sets out a number of policies to address local issues in respect of housing, shopping and services, community facilities, employment and open spaces. The public consultation on the draft plan ran from 1 June to 15 July 2015 providing a questionnaire to seek comments on the draft policies. As part of the consultation 2,265 recipients of the Planning and Regeneration govdelivery e-bulletin were informed of the consultation. Further information concerning the Forum can be viewed online at: <http://broadstoneneighbourhood.uk/>



Poole Quays Forum



Poole Quays Forum was established in 2012 and is made up of people who live and work in Poole Old Town and Hamworthy East. The forum aims to improve the social, economic and environmental well being of the area. With over 100 members the forum meets six times a year and recently went out to consultation on its draft plan in February and March earlier this year with 1,967 recipients of the Planning and Regeneration govdelivery e-bulletin informed of the consultation. Further information concerning the Poole Quays Forum and the progress of their Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at: <http://www.poolequaysforum.co.uk/>

Economic Development

Superfast Broadband grants available

Small and medium sized enterprises (SME) and third sector organisations can get connected to superfast broadband more cheaply through a new [Connection Voucher Scheme](#). Local businesses can apply for vouchers from £100 to £3,000 to cover the cost of connecting to a better broadband service. Using a faster, better broadband offers many benefits to businesses including increased productivity and improved customer service through faster upload and download speeds and increased security. The scheme is available to businesses from Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset until 31 March 2016. Vouchers are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Support for the Engineering and Manufacturing Sector



A new business forum has been set up with the specific aim of supporting businesses in the engineering and manufacturing sector in Dorset. The [Dorset Engineering and Manufacturing Forum](#) provide advice and support as well as a forum for businesses in the sector to network and collaborate. The next free event will be held at the RNLI, West Quay Road, on 16 June.

Funding available for green-minded businesses

The [LoToNo project](#) aims to help small and medium sized businesses to play their part in emerging low-carbon, resource-efficient industries. The project can offer 25 innovation vouchers of up to €10,000, to applicants who can show they are truly supporting environmental innovation. A potential innovation project can also receive free advice including drawing up a strategy to bring an innovative product/service to market. For more information email hello@lotono.co.uk or contact Rosaline Macnamara on 01202 633353.

10th Anniversary of Top of the Shops

Over the years, Poole has honoured more than 300 multiple and independent retailers who have excelled in retail skills, customer service, retail standards and the retail digital world. The [Top of the Shops Poole Retail Awards](#) competition took place on Thursday 21 May and was bigger and better than ever before.



Economic Development

Help a young person on the career path

We are looking for volunteers from the local business community to support two exciting programmes aimed at getting young people prepared for the world of work and business. The **Employability, Empowerment and Enterprise (EEE) programme**, prepares young people for work through eight interactive workshops and a mock interview at a business location.



The **One Community programme** helps young people in two deprived communities in Poole develop their work and life skills. Students learn from volunteers from local businesses and organisations about what future career and learning opportunities are available to them, how to manage their own finances and how to take responsibility in their communities. If you or your business can support either programme for 2015/16, please contact g.brennan-barrass@poole.gov.uk or dunia.shafford@y-e.org.uk.

Free business start-up courses



Budding entrepreneurs can now benefit from 'New in Business' two-day workshops, run by WSX Enterprise. Funded by the council's Economic Development team, the workshops offer essential guidance to people who are starting out in business. People taking part should either live or intend to trade within the borough.

The dates of the two-day workshops are 25 and 26 August, 7 and 8 October, and 26 and 27 November 2015. For more information contact Chris Darlow at chris.darlow@wsxenterprise.co.uk or on 01202 607541.

Useful links

[Dorset Growth Hub](#) - support for start-up and existing businesses

[Business support and advice](#) - learn about support for growing your business in Poole

[Invest in Dorset](#) - find out about investing and growing your business in Dorset

[Poole 4 Business](#) - apply for business grants

[Dorset Skills Hub](#) - find out about available skills and training in Dorset

[Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership](#) - learn about the work of the partnership

[Decisions? Decisions!](#) - career guide for young people

Celebrating Success

Young Enterprise Regional Champions

Budding young entrepreneurs from Poole have shown what it takes to be successful in business by winning the South West Regional Company of the Year award.

Six students from St Edward's School won the prestigious award for their 'Growing memories' product, which aims to unite families and loved ones by planting a tree and living sustainable lives. Their company, Cortex, provides a blue spruce seedling sold in a recycled branded can, together with a kit to make a model of a small woodland hut. The idea is to mark a special occasion by planting a tree and as the tree grows it will remind people of their memories.

The product has also expanded into other markets including weddings with 'Wedding memories' and funerals with 'Loving memories'.



Cortex Managing Director, Macaulay Smith from St Edward's School, said: "Our product is targeted at families who want to do something different and go outdoors more. Families can plant the tree together and perhaps make the matchstick cabin to go with it as a parent and child activity. The wedding market encourages trees to be planted, which is good for the environment and provides a memory of the happy occasion."

The competition is organised by Young Enterprise and this year over 300 students took part forming 27 companies. Cortex beat off local competition to win the Dorset finals earlier this year and has now beaten 7 companies representing the whole of the South West to win the coveted regional award. Cortex will now compete against 13 fledgling businesses to battle it out to be crowned UK Company of the Year at the Young Enterprise final on 2 July.

Paul Booker, Chairman of Young Enterprise Dorset Board, commented: "I am always amazed at the commitment and enthusiasm of the students taking part and this year was no exception. The winning company, Cortex, had clearly identified a market opportunity and an emotional message in 'creating memories'. They are worthy winners indeed and I look forward to seeing their progress in the national final."