

Portland Neighbourhood Planning January 2013 Consultation Events

Draft Report for Initial Summary Findings

Purpose

The purpose of this draft report is to provide an early summary overview of the comments made at the consultation events held on Portland on 14th and 21st January 2013 . It is not meant to be a definite statement of all issues.

Process.

Approximately 150 attendees produced just under 500 response cards and narrative details of these cards were transferred to a spreadsheet for analysis. The spreadsheet produced by the Young Organisers has a definitive audit trail based on venue and card number. In addition the theme under which the comment was made was also colour coded. Each of the comments have been reviewed . It was considered that there were a number of sub themes arising. The comments were therefore extracted and placed under each sub theme to which it was felt that the comment was relevant. Some comments therefore appear under more than one sub theme heading. In all cases the comments audit trail was maintained.

Where possible a key word analysis was placed alongside the comment and this then allowed these to be grouped.

These groupings were then used to produce this report. Ideally there should be a further audit trail between key word and this report but the need to publish the information to the working group has meant that this has not been fully possible at this time.

This report is published to provide public information. The actions shown require further discussion and agreement and as such are shown as possible actions only. More consultation will be required. WPBC as the planning authority have yet to confirm the Neighbourhood Plan area and so consultation events may be delayed until this has been agreed.

Main Theme colours

Housing
Community Facility
Tourism
Employment
Roads & Transport
Leisure and Recreation
General

1) Main Theme Area - Tourism

General Comment	Sub Comments	Possible Actions
Consider markets brand and offer	Promote outdoor activity brand, low impact offer, historic sites, specialist markets	Discuss with WPBC Tourism and Events
Consider infrastructure and resources	Network of TIC and Information centres all year round to reflect offer. Accommodation to link to offer Pubs, BBs, Hostels, Caravan Park, Adventure lodge. Ecological Field Centre, Outdoor activity centre. Heritage Trails, Treasure Trails, Links to Footpath network . Better management of sites	Consider local options Neighbourhood Plan Development
Sustainable Developments or not ?	Which are viable in long term and which have limited or manageable impact on environment or which consider additional infrastructure needs to minimise such impact	Neighbourhood Plan Development
Tourism is low wage offering seasonal employment only		Tourism Strategy

2) Main Theme Area - Housing

General Comment	Sub Comments	Possible Actions
Existing Housing Allocations	Use up existing allocations first before allowing new development What is happening with HCA Master Plan Osprey Quay. Hardy Block eyesore will it be developed ? Alternative ideas proposed.	Get update on existing allocations, HCA Master Plan @Osprey Quay and Hardy Block.
Empty and derelict homes	Should be made available before any new development	WPBC Empty Homes Officer report

General Comment	Sub Comments	Possible Actions
Housing Strategy	Develop brownfield sites first Infill first no large scale . Link any development to an employment provision Affordable housing for locals. Young , the vulnerable and elderly. Elderly needs care/nursing homes, sheltered housing, residents home. Mixed developments 3or 4 Bedrooms plus smaller units to allow flexibility to stay on the Island or to attract people to the Island. Self help schemes for local people using local materials Use housing register to inform basis of provision.	All for the Neighbourhood Plan
Rental Property	2015 Changes in regulations will impact on landlords	Ensure information disseminated
Second Homes	Too many	Policy issues
Area concerns	Strategies for Fortuneswell and Castletown Housing/Business. Business start ups in property provide business tax relief	Local consultation to draw out key issues.

3) Main Theme – Employment

3a) Sub Theme – Sustainable Development

General Comments	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Maintain existing employment sites	Southwell Business Park as small unit business hub. Southwell for Education and Training and Osprey Area for Employment	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC) and WPP Economy Group
Encourage Business Start Ups	Lack of affordable workshop space for entrepreneurs. Artisans, crafts. Business rates benefits	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC)
Hi Tech Marine Science Park	Link to employment and training provision	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC)
Link housing development to job creation	Self help environmental impact schemes	Neighbourhood Plan
Not travelling off Island can create a narrow view		

3b) Sub Theme – Diversification

General Comments	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Use of redundant quarries	Use for cultural activities , art installations. For and against Caravan Park Landfill to generate electricity	Link to Tourism Strategy/ Neighbourhood Plan /Minerals Policy
Business Craft Tourism		Link to Tourism Strategy/ NP
Climbing Facilities		Link to Tourism Strategy/ NP
Mining Voids		Minerals Policy

3c) Sub Theme – Education/Employment Links

General Comments	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Improve opportunities	For Apprenticeships, Work Experience, links with employers.	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC)
Hardy Block	Potential for student accommodation links to Marine Skills.	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC)
Hi Tech skills	Support development	Discuss with Economic Development (WPBC)

4) Main Theme – Open and Play Spaces

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Further consultation	With young people	Arrange dates & venues
Existing facilities	Restore facilities that are missing. Retain Green spaces e.g Royal Manor	Discuss with (WPBC)
Parks and Gardens	Additional facilities and events to make better use of	Discuss with (WPBC)
New facilities	E.G. BMX , Skatepark.	Discuss with (WPBC)
Underprovision in Underhill		Victoria Gardens Development?
Maintain Rural and Wild Character of Island		Local Nature Partnership
Grove Stadium area	What plans ?	Discuss with Planning

Main Theme – Community Facilities

5a) Sub Theme – Use of Redundant Sites

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Junior School and Brackenbury school	<p>Consider use as community hub with variety of uses.</p> <p>Childrens Centre, Elderly provision centre,</p> <p>Doctors surgery, Bank, Library.</p> <p>Arts centre/studio.</p> <p>Business start up</p> <p>Additional needs facilities.</p> <p>Independent Living Centre</p>	<p>Ensure details are communicated to West Dorset Delivery Group which is looking at redundant sites agree community communication protocol.</p>
Royal Manor	Retain Youth Centre, Greenfield	Academy Planning
St Peters Church	Conserve by Churches Conservation Trust	

5b) Sub Theme - Community Facilities General

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Provision	Review existing provision	Audit to be conducted
Leisure centres	Improve Osprey Leisure Pressure on existing resources	Audit
Health Provision	Chemist facilities, Doctors facilities, NHS Dentist	Discuss with NHS
Toilets	Cleaner and more Tourist provision need	Potential pub/business scheme
Dog waste and Litter Bins	More needed, More visible and regularly cleaned	Co-ordinate various schemes and campaigns. Adopt PLOP strategy

		framework

5) Main Theme – Roads and Transport

6a) Sub Theme – Public Transport

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Review of bus services	Frequency, Reliability, Service points and levels.	Current Dorset Bus Consultation.
Specific local services	Local Island Bus, Hospital Bus, Dial a Ride, links to employment sites. Planning ahead	Discuss with DCC
Academy impact	Separate services for schoolchildren	Academy Travel Plan
Ferry and Helicopter Service to France		
Dorset Ticket Scheme	Cost	

6b) Sub Theme – Footpaths

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Maintain and Improve existing network	Ensure correct classification for intended use	Discuss with DCC
Fitness,Nature,Industry,History Trails	Funding potential	Local Nature Partnership (?)
Specific additions to Network	Funding potential	Local Nature Partnership
Improve maps of local paths	Links to public transport	Youth project?
Support Youth Rangers developments	Funding	Local Nature Partnership (?)

6c) Sub Theme – Parking

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Residents Permits	Extensive consultation	
Car Parks	Free/Reduced cost parking for locals Extend car parks No more car parks	
Parking on verges	Current discussions	
Difficulties	Reforne	

6d) Sub Theme – Road Network

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Fortuneswell By Pass	DCC issue to consider	
20 Mph speed limits	Particularly around schools	Discuss with DCC
Road crossings	Safety of crossing in areas particularly for elderly and vulnerable	Discuss with DCC
Impact of Academy changes		Planning application
Review current needs assessment	Expansion of Tourism could be constrained	

6) Misc Theme – Search and Rescue Helicopter

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
Retain SAR	Impact on employment, leisure and safety issues	Awaiting decision

7) Main Theme –Misc

General Comment	Sub Comment	Possible Actions
External Input	Learn from other places on how to run facilities etc	Evaluate best way to obtain input
	Groups should receive more advice about funding and entitlements	DCA
LA Communication	More flexibility on commenting on planning applications	Some measures introduced
	Dorset for you website is very limited	Social Media improvements planned