



We need your input. The Portland Neighbourhood Plan is about the future. See our website www.portlandplan.org.uk for more information or see where we will be on the calendar displayed at various communal information points.

If you can complete our online form at www.portlandplan.org.uk it would be very helpful. If not and you require space for additional comments please use the additional comments form. Please return this form to the location where you obtained it or to the following .Island Community Action Offices, Easton. Jacksons Café, Fortuneswell. Osprey Leisure Centre or Town Council Offices, Fortuneswell where large print copies are also available. Any queries please contact us at info@portlandplan.org.uk or via the Town Council 01305 821638

Q1. How do you rate the following local facilities and amenities where E is excellent, G is Good, A is Average, P is Poor, I is Inadequate and N Not relevant ?

Area 408	Tophill	Underhill
Convenience Shopping	G	P
Pre School Facilities	G/A NR53%	A N/R 56%
Schools	G/A NR41%	A N/R 48%
Training/Further Education	P NR34%	P/I N/R 37%
Youth Facilities	A/P NR27%	P N/R 32%
Parks and Play Areas	G/A	A/P
Environment Generally	G/A	A/P
Health Facilities	G/A	G/A

Area	Tophill	Underhill
Indoor Sports	A/P N/R 22%	A N/R 21%
Parking	A/P	P/I
Care Services and Facilities	A N/R 39%	A/P N/R 43%
Community Safety	G/A	G/A
Social Facilities	G/A	A/P
Library Services	G/A	P/I N/R 20%
Public Transport	G	G

Q2 /3 How often do you use services and shops in.... ?

	Easton 406	Fortuneswell 392
Daily	21%	6%
Regularly but not everyday	47%	14%
Weekly	19%	7%
Monthly	6%	9%
Less than once a month	6%	29%
Never	1%	35%

Q4. Are there services or shops in other areas of Portland other than Easton or Fortuneswell that you use more regularly ?

73 Weston 174 No Total **288**

Q5/6 How Could shopping and social areas be improved ?

	Easton 387	Fortuneswell 392
Wider Variety of Shops	66%	87%
More Cafes/Restaurants	24%	39%
Longer Opening Hours	21%	13%
More pedestrian friendly	21%	54%
Public Art Installations	22%	20%
More Off Street Parking	55%	64%
More Green and Planted Areas	34%	56%
Regular Outdoor Events/Activities	56%	39%

	Easton	Fortuneswell
More Evening Activities	42%	35%
Information Boards and Signs	33%	31%
More Commercial Offices	6%	8%
Additional Meeting Spaces	10%	16%
Additional Community Rooms	10%	16%
More Seating Areas	31%	36%
Free Wi Fi Zone	43%	35%
More visible Policing	46%	45%

About you work... If not currently working please still answer Q7 and Q10. Please help us by completing this information as it will help us in future planning.

Q7 What best describes your current work status ? **398**

Employed Full Time	33%	Student	1%	Other (please specify)
Employed Part Time	13%	Volunteer - unpaid	5%	
Self Employed	13%	Home Carer	1%	
Unemployed Seeking Work	2%	Retired	30%	
Unemployed Unable to Work	3%			

Q8 If you are working where is your normal place of work? 245

Work from home	17%
Workplace on Portland	33%
Weymouth Town Centre	5%
Weymouth Area	26%
Dorchester	6%

Within West Dorset	3%
Elsewhere in Dorset	4%
Neighbouring Counties	3%
National	3%

Other (please specify)

Q9 Please indicate your normal methods of travel to work ?

Q10. About working locally tell us your preference 296

Method 253	Main Method	Regular Alternative	Occasional Alternative
Car	84%	7%	9%
Bus	33%	17%	49%
Train	16%	32%	52%
Motorcycle	44%	44%	11%
Bicycle	19%	22%	59%
Walk	46%	26%	29%

I work from home and wish to continue to do so	13%
I work off the Island but would prefer to work on Portland if the right job was available	25%
I already work locally and wish to continue to do so	33%
I work locally but may have to commute to advance my career	3%
I don't work at present but I want to work locally	5%
I don't work at present and I am not seeking work	21%

What type of employment opportunities should we be looking to attract to the Island ?

153 Comments

Q11 If working, what is your occupation category ? 217

Manager, Director, Senior Official	16%	Caring Leisure and other service occupations	13%
Professional	40%	Sales and Customer Service	4%
Associate Professional and Technical	5%	Process, Plant and Machine Operatives	2%
Administrative and Secretarial	11%	Quarrying, Mining and Forestry Work	1%
Skills Trades	8%	If Unsure please state job title here	

Q12 Do you agree or disagree on these important issues ? 404

	Agree	Disagree	No View
Wind,solar and wave farm developments are necessary and acceptable	73%	17%	7%
More retail developments on Portland are acceptable	74%	20%	6%
The motor vehicle should be less dominant on Portland	41%	42%	17%
We need to develop different transportation networks on Portland	66%	21%	13%
Underhill needs a relief road	66%	23%	11%
Portland must strive to grow internally to become a self supporting (sustainable) community	77%	16%	7%
We need more houses appropriate for the Island's current and future needs	28%	64%	8%
We need to encourage more business and commercial development	78%	15%	7%
We need additional off street parking facilities on Portland	80%	14%	6%
The footpath network on Portland is sufficient	58%	37%	5%

Other issues of importance to you 201Comments

Q13 Please could we have your opinion on 406

	Agree	Disagree	No View
We need a recognised single Town Centre and focus on improving this	33%	55%	12%
We need to recognise individual shopping and amenity areas and develop all of these as local centres	81%	9%	9%
We need and equivalent mix of leisure facilities in Tophill and Underhill	79%	12%	9%
We need to encourage more national companies to come to the Island	60%	29%	11%
We need to further improve the frequency and scope of our bus services	50%	38%	12%
We need to recognise tourism and visitors as an important part of our economy	91%	6%	3%
Car Parking is an Issue on the Island	80%	14%	6%
We should encourage more cycling by improving the cycle network	65%	22%	13%
We should identify more bridleways on the Island	49%	31%	20%
Open areas should be protected and kept free from development	92%	5%	3%
We need to improve our parks and open spaces	85%	9%	6%
We must protect our old buildings and heritage	95%	4%	2%
We need to improve facilities for children	76%	9%	15%
We need to improve facilities for teenagers	81%	7%	12%
We need to have more further education opportunities on the Island	69%	17%	14%
We need to improve our community halls ad public venues	66%	18%	16%
We need more suitable and affordable housing for our older residents	61%	20%	18%
We need more affordable housing for local people	67%	23%	11%
We need to convert shops into homes	22%	60%	18%
There is concern about the number of second homes	63%	19%	18%
There are too many empty homes	57%	18%	25%
There are too many poor quality homes	51%	22%	27%

If you have any further comment in regard to the above issues please comment here **112 comments**

Living on Portland Please Indicate

Q14 How long have you lived on Portland ? 400

Under a Year	5%	1-2 Years	6%	3-5 Years	10%	5-10 Years	13%	10-20 Years	15%	Over 20 Years	52%
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Q15 Would you like to stay on Portland ? 395

1- 3years	2%	4-10 Years	5%	10-20 Years	13%	Always	61%	I am uncertain	16%	I would like to leave	3%
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Q16 About your current home 385

This meets my/our needs	84%	I/We need a larger home	9%	I /We need a smaller home	6%	Not applicable as family member has completed a response	1%
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Q17 What type of housing do you live in and given family circumstances what type do you need in the foreseeable future ?

	Currently 386	Forseeable Future 322		Currently	Forseeable Future
House 2 Bedrooms	18%	17%	Flat 1 Bedroom	2%	2%
House 3 Bedrooms	49%	33%	Flat 2 Bedroom	3%	5%
House 4 Bedrooms	19%	18%	Single Room in a shared house	1%	1%
Bungalow 2 Bedrooms	4%	17%	Other (specify)		
Bungalow 3 Bedrooms	3%	8%	Not applicable as response already completed	1%	

Q19 Is there anyone at home who needs their own accommodation? If no go to Q22 341

Yes	12	No	88
	%		%

Q20 In which location is the accommodation needed ? 63

On Portland	66%	Weymouth	11%	Dorset	11%	Regionally	3%	Nationally	8%
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Q21 If on Portland what type of accommodation is required ? 47

Social Housing	28%	Private Rental	30%	Shared Ownership	24%	Supported Elderly Care	13%	Supported Other Care	4%
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Other (please specify)

Q22 How satisfied are you with your life on Portland ? 398

Very Satisfied	38%	Fairly Satisfied	33%	Content	24%	Fairly dissatisfied	4%	Very dissatisfied	1%
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Q23 What if anything would you like to see more of on Portland ?

264 Comments

Q24 Do you have any general comments not covered elsewhere in this survey ?

160Comments

If you wish to be entered into a free prize draw please tell us a little more about yourself and where you live. This will also help us analyse the results of this questionnaire

Q25 About You

Your Postcode	326
Your house number	300

Q26 Your Age 373 responses

Under 16	> 1 %	16-25	1 %	25-44	21 %	45-64	52 %	65-79	23 %	80+	2%
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Q27. If you would like to be kept informed about the neighbourhood plan process, please give us your email

207Responses

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your views and ideas are much appreciated.

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