

Appendix D Options for Consideration Consultation

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East Dorset District Council

Agenda

You are summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the East Dorset District Council

Wednesday 29th September, 2010, at approximately 5.00pm

(immediately following the adjournment of the Christchurch Borough Council meeting)

Village Hotel, Bournemouth, BH7 7DZ

Members serving on the committee:

Chairman:

Cllr M. R. Dyer

Vice Chairman:

Cllr D. B. F. Burt

Members:

Cllr P. G. Bennett

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Cllr D. Morgan

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Cllr P. W. Richardson

Cllr G. W. Russell

Cllr M. G. Simper

Cllr N. Smith

Cllr S. S. Tong

Cllr D. J. Wallace

Cllr Mrs A. Warman

Non-voting

Mr D. W. Atkinson (Independent)

For further information please contact Sarah Jordan in Committee Services on (01202) 886201

Corporate Plan Key Themes – 2010 to 2016

The Council's Vision

'To be a forward looking organisation, working with the community and partners to identify and respond to local needs in an efficient and cost effective way'

Leader of the Council: Councillor Spencer Flower – The Leader performs an important role in the Council's relations with other authorities and organisations. The Leader is also responsible for managing the Council's financial and physical resources.

Deputy Leader of the Council: Councillor Alex Clarke – The Deputy Leader supports the Leader in all his duties including the Council's relations with other authorities and organisations, and deputises in his absence.

Our priority areas...

COMMUNITIES

Lead Member: **Councillor Barbara Manuel**

To promote thriving communities that are well served, healthy and safe with a strong local identity

Long Term Outcomes

- People are involved in decision making
- More people are actively involved in their local community
- Thriving and attractive places in which to live
- Children and young people feel part of their community
- People are healthier
- People feel safe
- People are treated with respect and dignity

ENVIRONMENT

Lead Member: **Councillor Simon Tong**

To manage and safeguard the natural and built environment for the benefit of current and future generations

Long Term Outcomes

- East Dorset's natural and built environment is well managed
- Sensitive areas of the District are protected
- District's environmental impact is reduced
- Increased re-use and recycling with less waste sent to landfill

ECONOMY

Lead Member: **Councillor Malcolm Birr**

To promote a successful local economy

Long Term Outcomes

- There will be more successful businesses
- Older people make a positive contribution supporting the local economy
- Public transport and infrastructure are improved
- More collaborative working

HOUSING

Lead Member: **Councillor John Little**

To improve the quality and availability of housing

Long Term Outcomes

- More people have access to appropriate housing
- People live in accommodation that is safe, warm and weatherproof

PERFORMANCE

Lead Member: **Councillor David Packer**

To ensure the efficient and cost effective use of resources

Long Term Outcomes

- Services provided more cost effectively
- Focused, highly committed and trained councillors
- Skilled and motivated employees who feel valued
- Improved customer access to services
- Good performance across the Council

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Agenda

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
In accordance with Procedural Rule No. 18, Members' Interests, Members are reminded that any personal or personal and prejudicial interests should be declared. Pro forma for this purpose are available from the Members' Room or from the Committee Manager.

3. **Procedure of the meeting**
The Chairman will advise Members of the purpose and format of the meeting.

This Council meeting will follow the opening and subsequent adjournment of the meeting of Christchurch Borough Council.

4. **Adjournment**
The Chairman will then adjourn the meeting.

Officers from both Councils will make presentations on the **Consultation on Local Development Framework Core Strategy Options** (report attached) to the Members of both Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Councils.

Following the presentations Members of both Councils will be given the opportunity to debate and ask questions.

Members of the public will not be permitted to speak but will have 12 weeks in which to express their views through the consultation process.

Christchurch Borough Council will then reconvene their Council meeting and their Members will consider the recommendation. The Mayor will then close the meeting of Christchurch Borough Council.

Following the above the East Dorset District Council meeting will then be reconvened in order to deal with agenda Item 5 as set out below.

Procedural Rules will apply as set out in Part 4 of the East Dorset District Council Constitution, a copy of which is published on www.dorsetforyou.com

ITEM FOR DECISION

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| 5. Consultation on Local Development Framework Core Strategy Options
<i>Members are requested to consider approval of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Options to go out for Consultation.</i> | 1-34 |

[The report template used on this occasion is a joint template with Christchurch Borough Council, and as such is slightly different to the normal format]

CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL
EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

29 September 2010
Village Hotel,
Bournemouth

CONSULTATION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY OPTIONS

Item for Decision: To seek Council approval for consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Options.

Lead Members: Christchurch Borough Council – Cllr Alan Griffiths (Leader of the Council)
East Dorset District Council – Cllr Spencer Flower (Leader of the Council), and
Cllr Simon Tong (East Dorset Lead Member for the Environment)

Contributors

Contact Officer: Simon Trueick, Community & Planning Policy Manager, Christchurch Borough Council,
Richard Henshaw, Planning Policy Manager, East Dorset District Council.

Implications: Are set out in Sections 4.2-4.8 of this report for both Councils.

Council Priorities: Are set out in Section 4.1 of this report for both Councils.

Recommendations: It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

1) the Core Strategy Options consultation document, is approved for a period of public consultation from early October to Christmas 2010.

2) any further minor amendments to the text of the consultation document are agreed with the Leaders of both Councils, and the Heads of Legal Services of both Councils, prior to consultation.

3) the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report is approved for publication, subject to any final amendments to the text of the report being agreed with the Leaders of both Councils and the Heads of Legal and of both Councils, prior to publication.

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of the next consultation stage of the joint Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy, and to seek approval of documents for public consultation; additionally to inform members of the arrangements for consultation, and to seek approval for the consultation strategy.

Members are asked to consider (a) whether the content of the draft Core Strategy provides an effective basis for consultation and (b) whether the methods of consultation are appropriate.

- 1.2 To approve the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for publication.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.1 The Local Development Framework (LDF) process requires the assessment of policies and proposals in relation to sustainability objectives through a process of Sustainability Appraisal. The first key stage of this process is the approval of a Scoping Report which identifies key sustainability issues, creates a baseline of information, and sets sustainability objectives and indicators by which to measure and assess the impact of LDF policy options.
- 2.2 Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents prepared as part of the Christchurch and East Dorset LDF are subject to sustainability appraisal.
- 2.3 The sustainability appraisal also incorporates the Strategic Environmental Assessment which is to be applied to all plans and programmes prepared by public authorities that are likely to have a significant effect upon the environment. This is required by the European Directive 2001/42/EC.

The Core Strategy

- 2.4 The Core Strategy is the primary document in the Local Development Framework, setting out the Councils' major planning strategy and policies for the period up to 2027.
- 2.5 The Core Strategy is a joint document covering Christchurch and East Dorset. A large proportion of policies within the document will apply in both areas, with others being specific to each Council.
- 2.6 To date, the production process for the Core Strategy has been a long one. Evidence gathering work began in 2005, and a significant number of evidence studies have been completed to support the Core Strategy on issues such as housing need and supply, financial viability, employment land supply and demand, open space requirements, flood risk, housing options, Bournemouth Airport, transport and retailing.
- 2.7 In light of the revocation of the Regional Spatial Strategy work is ongoing to assess options for housing, and the emerging South East Dorset Multi Modal Transport Study will further inform transport policy options.
- 2.8 This is the second round of public consultation that both Councils have undertaken. The previous consultation on the Core Strategy took place in the spring/summer of 2008 at "Issues and Options" stage. This asked the public to confirm what they felt to be the main issues facing Christchurch and East

preparation as the information gathered will help influence the approach taken by both Councils in future preparation of policies relating to housing, employment, transport, the airport, town centres etc.

3.0 THE OPTIONS CONSULTATION

DOCUMENTS FOR APPROVAL

3.1 Regrettably, development of the Core Strategy under the current planning system does involve significant levels of paperwork. This is particularly the case at Options Stage because this brings together for the first time, the evidence gathering work, previous consultations, sustainability and other appraisals, into one place to inform future strategy.

3.2 The documents before Members are set out as Appendices to this report, and are as follows:

Appendix A – Core Strategy Options Consultation Document.

Appendix B – Consultation Strategy report.

Appendix C – Recommended Revised Sustainability Appraisal Objectives – September 2010.

Appendix D - Sustainability Appraisal Objectives – October 2008, and comparison table.

3.3 Additional information to support the Core Strategy has been placed in the Members Room, and will also be published on the Councils' website at the start of the consultation period. As these are technical documents, and support the main consultation document, they are not brought before Members for approval at these meetings. These documents include:

- Habitats Regulations Assessment Report.
- Sustainability Appraisal Report.
- Equalities Impact Assessment.
- Health Impact Assessment.
- Key Issues Papers.
- Area Profiles.

SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT

3.4 The Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive requires the Council to undertake a four week consultation with key environmental bodies. These include the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England.

Dorset which the Core Strategy should address, as well as a range of possible options for addressing each issue.

2.9 The results of this consultation are set out broadly within the Options consultation document (**Appendix A**), and in greater detail in a series of Key Issues Papers which will be published to support the Options Stage consultation. These provide background to the issues included within the consultation document on the following subjects:

1. Vision and Strategic Objectives
2. Climate Change
3. Protecting the Natural Environment
4. The Historic Built Environment
5. The Key Strategy
6. Green Belt
7. Christchurch Urban Extension
8. Transport
9. Town, Village and Neighbourhood Centres
10. Sustainable Economic Growth
11. East Dorset employment options
12. Bournemouth Airport
13. Housing
14. Community Issues
15. Improving Sports and Leisure Facilities
16. Tourism
17. Transport and Access
18. Affordable Housing
19. Design and Landscape

2.10 The consultation document is further supported by Area Profiles:

1. Wimborne and Colehill
2. Ferndown and West Parley
3. Corfe Mullen
4. Verwood and Three Legged Cross
5. Rural East Dorset
6. West Moors
7. St Leonard's and St Ives
8. Christchurch Town Centre
9. Hurn
10. Burton
11. Purewell and Stanpit
12. Jumpers and Portfield
13. Grange
14. Highcliffe
15. Mudeford and West Highcliffe

2.11 Members are now invited to approve documents for the next consultation stage – Options Consultation. This is a significant stage in Core Strategy

- 3.5 The Councils first produced and consulted on a draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report in 2005, however delays to the LDF as a result of the prolonged regional planning process meant that the document was put on hold.
- 3.6 Further consultation took place in October 2008 and thirteen responses were received. There were no fundamental objections to the methodology proposed. Representations instead focussed on detailed matters, such as baseline information and which plans, programmes and policies should be reviewed and taken into account. These have proved very helpful and improve the effectiveness of the Scoping Report.
- 3.7 The one significant amendment proposed following the 2008 consultation is to revise and simplify the Sustainability Appraisal objectives. It is recommended that these should be combined to reduce the number from 24 to 12, in order to help make the assessment process for the Core Strategy and subsequent Development Plan Documents less complex, but at the same time equally robust.
- 3.8 The revised Sustainability Appraisal Objectives, used to assess the Core Strategy are set out in **Appendix C**, with the previous objectives set out in **Appendix D** for comparison.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- 3.9 The Core Strategy Options Consultation Document is the main document likely to be of interest to the public. This sets out the policy and future strategy options for Christchurch and East Dorset.
- 3.10 The document sets out the overall vision and objectives of the Core Strategy, the key strategy for Christchurch and East Dorset, and policy options.
- 3.11 Certain issues, particularly relating to the scale and location of future housing and employment development, remain finely balanced. In these cases, the Councils are consulting on a small range of possible options, but not expressing a preference for any one option. The consultation response will be particularly important in informing which of these options are taken forward into the submission Core Strategy document.
- 3.12 In most cases, the consultation document sets out a "preferred" policy option, along with one or more alternative "non-preferred" options. In these cases, reasons for the preferred option are provided.
- 3.13 In all cases however, it must be stressed that this is not a final detailed policy document. The documents set out options for consultation, including alternatives. Only following consultation, and taking account of any further evidence, will a draft Core Strategy be produced for further consultation and

then submission to the Secretary of State. It is at this stage that Members will be asked to make decisions as to how much housing and employment will be needed and where this should be provided.

CONTENT OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

- 3.14 The main consultation document (**Appendix A**) sets out the main policy options which the Councils are putting forward in response to issues facing Christchurch and East Dorset in the future.
- 3.15 The first two sections of the consultation document set out **background** information on Core Strategy preparation, and a section summarising the **critical issues, problems and challenges** facing Christchurch and East Dorset.
- 3.16 Section 3 contains an overall vision for the Core Strategy, supported by a series of seven objectives. In broad terms, **the vision** aims to safeguard and manage the superb natural and historic environment of Christchurch and East Dorset, and to use this to drive sustainable growth. The area will adapt to climate change, and deliver housing and employment growth more suited to the needs and future aspirations of the local population. The vision also aspires to improve accessibility and reduce traffic congestion, and to support local communities, particularly in local areas of deprivation.
- 3.17 The seven **objectives** supporting the vision are:
- To manage, safeguard and enhance the natural environment of Christchurch and East Dorset.
 - To maintain the character of the towns and villages, and to create vibrant local centres.
 - To adapt to the challenges of climate change.
 - To enable the mixed economy of Christchurch and East Dorset to grow and to develop new employment sectors.
 - To provide a suitable, affordable and sustainable range of housing to meet local needs.
 - To help our communities to travel less, and to travel more easily by a range of choices.
 - To help our communities to thrive, and to help people support each other.
- 3.18 Section 4 then contains **the key strategy** for Christchurch and East Dorset up to 2027. This sets out a settlement hierarchy to guide development, with major development located in the main towns. The strategy also sets out broad options for future housing delivery, and options for potential new housing where required to meet local needs. Key policies on transport and employment development are also included here.

- 3.19 Chapters 5, 6 & 7 relate specifically to areas of significant change in Christchurch. Policy options for **Christchurch and Highcliffe town centres** are set out, including a proposed town centre boundary for Christchurch.
- 3.20 A series of options for delivering new housing in an **urban extension north of Christchurch** are set out. These propose different levels of housing depending on whether the allotments are included, or whether power lines are moved or retained.
- 3.21 Chapter 7 sets out a strategy for future development at **Bournemouth Airport**. This sets out proposals for growth of the operational airport and the northern business parks, including amendments to the green belt to facilitate future development. A policy option for delivery of a suitable transport package is also set out.
- 3.22 Chapters 8-11 set out a series of policy options for areas of change in East Dorset. In chapter 8, a town centre boundary and vision for **Wimborne** is proposed, as well as housing options for Wimborne and Colehill. Additionally, there are options to create a 'Sports Village' to the east of the Town, incorporating the relocation of the football and rugby clubs, new playing fields, allotments and a country park. Within the town centre there are options for the future of the Allenvie area which could result in the relocation of District Council offices, other public services and the Market.
- 3.23 Further housing options are set out for **Corfe Mullen** (Chapter 9), and **Ferndown** (Chapter 10). Chapter 11 proposes town centre boundaries for **Verwood and West Moors**. For Verwood the implication of further housing growth is that there would be a need to provide a secondary school and an option is included setting this out.
- 3.24 The final series of Core Strategy chapters set out policy options across a series of generic issues. Chapter 12 relates to **managing and safeguarding of the natural environment**, and includes policies to encourage more sustainable building standards for new developments, and targets for developments to meet a proportion of their total energy needs from renewable or low carbon sources. A series of draft policy options are included to ensure new development is located in areas away from significant flood risk. In Christchurch a specific flood risk Supplementary Planning Document is proposed.
- 3.25 This chapter also sets out policy options for **management and safeguarding of sensitive habitats**, including a mitigation strategy for developments which impact on the Dorset Heathlands.
- 3.26 Policy options for the **built environment** are set out in Chapter 13. These include providing protection for locally important historic buildings, and consideration of the use of Article 4 directions where appropriate in

Conservation Areas to remove permitted development rights. In East Dorset, specific urban design guides are proposed for urban areas outside conservation areas.

- 3.27 Detailed **open space options** are set out in Chapter 14. These new standards are based on establishing local needs areas, and now include a standard which is broken down into elements of quantity, quality and accessibility. A detailed policy for developer contributions toward open space provision is also proposed.
- 3.28 Whilst the main policy options on housing delivery are contained in earlier chapters, Chapter 14 also contains important policies to ensure that the right type of housing is provided to meet local needs. The chapter contains policy options to ensure that **housing types and sizes** reflect the demand predicted in the Housing Market Assessment. A supplementary Planning Document is also proposed to set living space standards for new housing.
- 3.29 Prescriptive **density standards** are not proposed, however a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare is encouraged, and locations where higher densities will be acceptable are also set out, subject to impact upon the character of the local area.
- 3.30 A policy option for location criteria for **gypsy and traveller sites** is also proposed.
- 3.31 New **affordable housing** policies are also proposed. These propose that all residential development resulting in a net increase of housing will contribute to affordable housing provision, based on a minimum of 40% of units on site being affordable. Financial contributions are proposed for sites of 5 units or less, and on larger sites subject to certain criteria. A policy to allow urban and rural affordable housing exceptions schemes is also proposed.
- 3.32 Finally, Chapters 15 and 16 contain detailed supporting policies relating to the economy and transport. Chapter 16 proposes an **employment site hierarchy** to secure high proportions of "B" class (industrial and office) employment use on key sites at the Airport and in Christchurch, with a more flexible approach taken on other sites. Options for new employment land in East Dorset are included in this Chapter. A criteria based policy to allow for diversification in the **rural economy** is also proposed, including a list of acceptable uses.
- 3.33 This chapter also contains general policies to protect **local shopping areas** and village shops, and a strategy for **tourism development**.
- 3.34 Chapter 16 proposes a **developer contributions policy for transport infrastructure provision**, maintaining **town centre car parking**, and setting standards for residential and commercial **car parking standards**.

- 3.35 Details of how policy options will be monitored and implemented are set out in Chapter 17.

CONSULTATION STRATEGY

- 3.36 The advantage of undertaking a non-statutory options consultation, is that it enables the Councils to determine the appropriate length and type of consultation which best enables local people to respond. A consultation strategy is set out in **Appendix B**.
- 3.37 The consultation dates have yet to be confirmed, but the period envisaged for comments will run for 3 months, from the 4th of October until 24th December. People can respond by a variety of methods, including by post and e-mail, as well as online using bespoke software capability to make comments directly onto the document.
- 3.38 The Core Strategy consultation will be promoted in the local media, including specific “pull outs” in the two Council newspapers, East Dorset News, and the Christchurch Courier. More modern media will also be used for the first time with Facebook and Twitter pages to view up to date information on the Core Strategy.
- 3.39 Face to face consultation will also form an important element of the strategy. A series of focus group meetings are being planned, and dates for some of these will be confirmed verbally at the Council meeting. These include parish and town councils, schools, topic based groups already used at Issues & Options stage, and “standing groups” such as the Airport Advisory Group.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan & Council Objectives

- 4.1 As the Core Strategy policy options and Sustainability Appraisal cover almost all aspects of future planning and development within Christchurch and East Dorset, they impact on all the Corporate Plan themes and Council Priorities set out in the respective Corporate Plans for Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council.

Legal

- 4.2 The Core Strategy forms part of the statutory Development Plan, and its production is therefore a requirement of the planning acts. Although this “Options” stage is no longer a formally required consultation, it is considered important to set out clearly how the Councils have developed options out of the evidence and consultation they have undertaken, prior to drafting detailed policies.

Section 39(2) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents to be subject to Sustainability Appraisal. The Council is required to undertake

Strategic Environmental Assessment under the European Directive 2001/42/EC.

Environmental

- 4.3 There has been thorough assessment of the environmental impacts of the policy options contained in the Options Consultation documents. The requirements of the current planning system mean that a considerable amount of paper is generated by the LDF process. The Councils have however purchased a bespoke consultation software which enables electronic publication of documents to the web, and allows people to send comments direct online without requiring submission of response forms, or printing of documents.

Financial and Risk

- 4.4 There are no specific financial implications in this report. The consultation strategy can be funded from existing budgets. Whilst the "options" stage is not a statutory consultation stage as prescribed by regulations, it is considered important to propose a refined series of policy options, including alternatives as appropriate, prior to publishing a submission Core Strategy, to avoid the risk of the Core Strategy being found unsound.

Equalities

- 4.5 The Core Strategy is subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment. This has concluded that there will be no significant negative impacts on equalities from the proposed policy options.

Crime & Disorder – Section 17

- 4.6 The Sustainability Appraisal includes assessment against Objective 6 "providing a safe and secure environment". Core Strategy policy options have been assessed against this objective as appropriate.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Core Strategy options consultation is an important milestone in the process of developing a new planning strategy for Christchurch and East Dorset. It is the first time that results from evidence gathering and studies, public consultation, data gathering, and options appraisal has been brought together comprehensively to define a series of policy options.
- 5.2 Members are asked to consider (a) whether the draft Core Strategy provides an effective basis for consultation and (b) whether the methods of consultation are appropriate, and to approve the documents for public consultation.
- 5.3 Members are also asked to approve the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for publication.

Background Papers:

Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy – Issues and Options Consultation, March 2008.

Sustainability Appraisal Draft Scoping Report – August 2008

Appendices:

A – Core Strategy Options Consultation Document – *(Circulated separately)*.

B – Consultation strategy.

C – Sustainability Appraisal Revised Objectives.

D – Sustainability Appraisal Original Objectives and comparison table.

1 Core Strategy Consultation Plan

Options for Consideration Consultation

4th October – 24th December 2010

Core Strategy Consultation Plan

Christchurch Borough Council

East Dorset District Council

September 2010

www.dorsetforyou.com/348323

1.1 Introduction

1.2 This document provides an update to the Statement of Community Involvement adopted in 2006. The Statement of Community Involvement outlined how both East Dorset and Christchurch Councils intend to involve the community and stakeholders in consultations relating to the Local Development Framework .

1.3 This updated document has been prepared to provide:

- current details of Focus Groups and Key Stakeholders and details of meetings scheduled during the consultation period;
- an update for protocol in dealing with public responses;
- to introduce the use of Limehouse Software for making responses.

1.4 The Options for Consideration Consultation will run for 12 weeks from

1.5 Monday 4th October until 12 noon Friday 24th December 2010

1.6 Useful Contacts:

1.7 Policy Planning Team

1.20 If you have already registered your interest with us on the Local Development Framework Database, you will receive a letter or email confirming your contact details prior to the start of the Consultation. We require you to inform us of any changes to your contact details as soon as possible. We shall be using Limehouse Software for the consultation, and your unique login will be sent to you by Limehouse once any changes have been made to your contact details.

1.21 Where can I see a copy of the 'Options for Consideration' document, and the other documents and leaflets being produced for this Consultation?

Type of Document	Location	Can I take a copy away with me?
Options for Consideration (Main document)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	The paper copy will be available to take from the Council Offices. Copies can be read and downloaded online.
Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	The paper copy will be available to take from the Council Offices. Copies can be read and downloaded online
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	The paper copy will be available to take from the Council Offices. Copies can be read and downloaded online

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1.11 Policy Planning Team

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1.15 Copies of this document are available on request in alternative formats including Braille, the spoken word, large print and translated texts.

1.16 The aim of this document is to ensure that all sections of the community have an opportunity to be involved throughout the process of preparing planning policy documents and to explain how their comments will be recorded and published.

1.17 During the consultation period there will be free public leaflets available, free East Dorset News and Christchurch Courier newspapers, displays in libraries and the Council offices, and a number of themed Focus Groups, Business Breakfast meetings, local school liaison and the opportunity for the public to attend exhibitions to consider the future planning of East Dorset and Christchurch. The events and details are contained within this document

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- Can I come and talk to someone?
- What happens next?
- Addresses and other useful information

1.19 Notification of Consultation

Sustainability Appraisals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	The paper copy will be available to take from the Council Offices. Copies can be read and downloaded online.
General Overview of Options for Christchurch and East Dorset Leaflet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	Yes
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Verwood New Neighbourhood Leaflet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	Yes

Wimborne New Neighbourhood Leaflet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	Yes
Employment Land Options Leaflet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough and District Council Offices • All local libraries • www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 • All Town Council and some Parish Council Offices 	Yes
Christchurch Courier newspaper (October 2010 edition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered to all homes in Christchurch (21,900 copies) • Delivered to 2,050 businesses • Christchurch Borough Council Offices • Christchurch and Highcliffe Libraries • Christchurch Information Centre 	Yes
East Dorset News (Dedicated November edition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered to all homes in East Dorset (38,500 copies) • 500 copies distributed between East Dorset Council Offices, Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre, Moors Valley Country Park, all doctors' and dentists' surgeries in East Dorset, all Care Homes in East Dorset, all hairdressers, all libraries and all community centres in East Dorset, the Tourist Information Centres and St Leonard's and Victoria Hospitals 	Yes

- 1.27 Colehill
- 1.28 Corfe Mullen
- 1.29 Ferndown
- 1.30 Fordingbridge
- 1.31 Highcliffe
- 1.32 Ringwood
- 1.33 Verwood
- 1.34 West Moors
- 1.35 Wimborne
- 1.36 East Dorset Mobile Library Service

1.37 In addition we shall have small displays at most libraries throughout the Consultation period. The full addresses and opening hours of the libraries are at the end of the document.

1.38 Meetings and Focus Groups

1.39 We shall hold a number of 1-1 meetings with Key Stakeholders, such as Wessex Water, the Environment Agency and the Highways Agency during the Consultation. These meetings will be held in private. However the meetings shall be minuted and used to inform the Core Strategy. A record of the meeting will be made in the Core Strategy Diary. A full list of the 1-1 meetings planned with specific organisations is set out below:

	Organisation
1.	Airport Advisory Group
2.	Christchurch Urban Extension Advisory Group
3.	Bournemouth and Poole Primary Care Trust
4.	Bournemouth and West Hants Water
5.	Dorset County Council - Education
6.	Dorset County Council - Transport
7.	Dorset Primary Care Trust
8.	Electricity Suppliers

Flyers, leaflets and credit card style leaflets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4000 freely available at selected shops and petrol stations, East Dorset Council Offices, Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre, Moors Valley Country Park, all doctors' and dentists' surgeries in East Dorset, all Care Homes in East Dorset, all hairdressers, all libraries and all community centres in East Dorset, the Tourist Information Centres and St Leonard's and Victoria Hospitals 	Yes
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Table 1.1

1.22 Public Exhibitions

1.23 We shall be running public exhibitions during the Consultation period. These will take place at the main town centres and where options for development are being considered. Dates will be inserted when venues can be confirmed. For an up to date list, please look at the website, www.dorsetforyou.com/348323

Location	Date and Time
1. West Parley Memorial Hall	29th October 2 - 8pm
2. Allendale House, Wimborne	19th November 2 - 8pm
3. Barrington Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown	26th November 2 - 8pm
4. St. Nicholas' Church, Corfe Mullen	TBC
5. The Hub, Verwood	TBC
6. Leigh Park, Wimborne	TBC
7. Colehill Memorial Hall	TBC

Table 1.2

1.24 Information and Displays at Libraries

1.25 The documents will be available for viewing at the following local libraries from 4th October.

1.26 Christchurch

9.	Environment Agency
10.	Highways Agency
11.	Natural England
12.	New Forest District Council
13.	New Forest National Parks Authority
14.	Wessex Water

Table 1.3

1.40 A series of Focus Groups will meet during the Consultation period consisting of small groups of local people invited to attend informal discussion sessions on a particular topic to obtain qualitative views. The Focus Groups were first drawn together in 2008 for the Issues and Options Consultation and the groups will consider broadly similar themes as before. However, there will be new Focus Groups which will consider each of the town centres and the Options for new neighbourhoods.

1.41 Attendance at the Focus Groups will be by invitation only and for one individual from an organisation. To avoid embarrassment, please do not turn up unless invited, as there will not be sufficient room for all. If you would like to be considered to attend a Focus Group please contact policy.planning@eastdorset.gov.uk, giving at least 2 weeks notice prior to the event. The Focus Groups are listed in the table below (Dates will be inserted as venues are confirmed):

	Type of Focus Group	Date and Time	Location
1.	Bournemouth Airport	5th November 2pm - 4pm	CBC Offices
2.	Christchurch Town Centre	6th December 10am - 12 noon	CBC Offices
3.	Christchurch Urban Extension	21st October 2pm - 4pm	CBC Offices
4.	Colehill Parish Council Meeting		
5.	Corfe Mullen Options for New Neighbourhood	2 nd November 2 -4pm	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
6.	Corfe Mullen Parish Council Meeting		

7.	Ferndown Town Centre	17th November 10 - 12 noon	Barrington Centre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown
8.	Ferndown and West Parley Options for a New Neighbourhood	4 th November 10 -12 noon	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
9.	Ferndown Town Council Meeting		
10.	Green Infrastructure/Environment	24th November 2pm -4pm	CBC Offices
11.	Housing	8th December 2 - 4pm	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
12.	Health and the Community	22nd October 10 - 12 noon	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
13.	Parish and Town Councils	26 th October 2-4pm	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
14.	Transport Issues	15th November 2pm -4pm	CBC Offices
15.	Verwood Options for a New Neighbourhood	12 th November 10 -12 noon	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
16.	Verwood Town Council Meeting		
17.	Water Supply/Flooding	29th November 2pm - 4pm	CBC Offices
18.	West Christchurch Residents Association		
19.	West Parley Parish Meeting		
20.	Wimborne/Colehill Options for a New Neighbourhood	28 th October 10 -12 noon	Committee Room, EDDC Offices
21.	Wimborne Town Council		

22.	Wimborne Town Centre	9th November 2 - 4pm	Quarterjack Suite, Allendale Centre
23.	Youth (including discussions in local schools and youth clubs)	October 2010	Corfe Hills Upper School, Broadstone

Table 1.4

1.42 Notes and minutes will be taken at the Focus Group discussions, and the meetings will be recorded in the Core Strategy Diary. The minutes taken will be used to inform the Core Strategy and will be publicly available.

1.43 Making comments and representations

1.44 (i) Responding On-line using Limehouse Software

1.45 The Councils' will use Limehouse - an online software package for public responses. This is our preferred method for comments to be made on the documents.

1.46 Using Limehouse allows comments to be made on the text by simply clicking directly on the words or phrase. You then type in your comments in relation to that section.

1.47 This will enable you to make as many comments as you would like on any section of the document, without submitting additional written representations.

1.48 In order to make representations, it is necessary for you to have a Limehouse account. If you have already registered with us on the Core Strategy database, you will receive a registration letter and password automatically. Follow the login procedure given in the letter.

1.49 If you have not registered, please go to

1.50 www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 and follow the links to Limehouse registration.

1.51 Please note all comments submitted will be made public.

1.52 (ii) Other ways to make comments

1.53 There are other ways you can make comments to the consultation document if you do not have internet access.

- Complete a Response Form (*insert image of page?*) – a paper form can be completed and submitted to the Council.
- A separate form will need to be provided for each separate comment made. We can supply you with a blank form, but additional copies will need to be

photocopied. Please request a form by telephoning 01202 886201 ext. 2422, or call in to the libraries, the Town or main Council offices to collect one. Please send your completed form(s) to:

- 1.54 Policy Planning
- 1.55 East Dorset District Council
- 1.56 Council Offices
- 1.57 Furzehill
- 1.58 Wimborne
- 1.59 BH21 4HN

- 1.60 Planning Policy Team
- 1.61 Christchurch Borough Council
- 1.62 Freepost 575
- 1.63 Civic Offices
- 1.64 Bridge Street
- 1.65 Christchurch
- 1.66 BH21 1BR

- Use one of the shortened forms included in East Dorset News or the Christchurch Courier
- Make comments through Facebook or Twitter pages (*www addresses to be confirmed*)

- 1.67 **What happens to my comments? When will they appear on the website?**
- 1.68 All comments received will be moderated and published on the Councils' website. It is our intention to publish comments as soon as practicable during the course of the consultation, depending on the volume of responses made.
- 1.69 Comments and leaflets which are received by post will also be published during the consultation. It may be necessary to abbreviate lengthy comments, but the full transcript will be scanned and published. Signatures will not be shown.
- 1.70 **Please note your name and post town will be published alongside any comments made.**

1.71 Verbal comments

1.72 All comments will be recorded and attributed. We would prefer those making verbal contributions to complete a Response Form or submit the comments online.

1.73 Can I come and talk to someone?

1.74 The Consultation Period will be a very busy time. We urge you to attend one of the public exhibitions taking place across East Dorset and Christchurch (listed above) to view plans and discuss any thoughts or concerns you may have.

1.75 However, if you would like to meet a Policy Planning Officer, we will try hard to accommodate you. Any such meeting will have to be pre-booked and properly minuted. A time limit of 30 minutes will be assigned to the meeting. A record of the meeting will be made in the Core Strategy Diary and the minutes may be published concerning the discussion which takes place.

1.76 Please contact:

1.77 Policy.planning@eastdorset.gov.uk

1.78 Planning.policy.@christchurch.gov.uk

1.79 East Dorset - 01202 886201 ext 2422

1.80 Christchurch – 01202 495000

1.81 What happens next?

1.82 Once the consultation has ended, the responses will be considered and taken into account before we prepare the final options for the Submission Document. It is anticipated that the Submission Document will be submitted to the Secretary of State in the summer of 2011. A further 6 week period of Public Consultation will take place prior to this time.

1.83 Following this, a Public Examination will be held into the document. The date for this is not yet known, but we anticipate this being in the autumn/winter of 2011.

1.84 Following the Inspector's Report, the Core Strategy will then be considered by the Councils and hopefully adopted. This is anticipated to be in 2012.

1.85 Useful Addresses

1.86 www.dorsetforyou/348323

Location	Address	Opening Hours
Christchurch		

Council Offices	Freepost BH575, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch. BH23 1AZ 01202 495000 Planningpolicy@christchurch.gov.uk	Mon – Thurs 8.45 – 5.15pm Fri 8.45 – 4.45pm
Information Point	High Street, Christchurch	Mon – Fri 9.30 – 5pm Sat 9 – 5pm
Steamer Point Information Centre	Steamer Point, Highcliffe	Mon – Sun 9 – 5pm
Christchurch Library	Druitt Buildings, High Street, Christchurch. BH23 1AW 01202 485938	Mon 9 – 5.30pm Tues 10 - 7pm Wed 9.30 – 1pm Thur 9.30 – 7pm Fri 9.30 -5pm Sat 9 - 4pm
Highcliffe Library	Gordon Road, Highcliffe. BH23 5HN 01425 272202	Mon 10 – 6.30pm Tues 9.30 – 5pm Wed – Closed Thur 9.30 – 1pm Fri 9.30 – 6.30pm Sat 9.30 – 4pm
East Dorset		
Council Offices	Furzehill, Wimborne. BH21 4HN	Mon – Thurs 8.45 – 5.15pm

		<p>Thurs – Closed</p> <p>Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm – 1</p> <p>Sat 10 – 12.30pm</p>
Ferndown Library	<p>Penny's Walk, Ferndown. BH22 9TH</p> <p>01202 874542</p>	<p>Mon 10 – 6pm</p> <p>Tues & Fri 9.30 – 6pm</p> <p>Wed 9.30 – 1pm</p> <p>Thurs 9.30 – 7pm</p> <p>Sat 9 – 4pm</p>
Fordingbridge Library	<p>Roundhill, Fordingbridge, Hants SP6 1AQ</p> <p>0845 6035631</p>	<p>Mon – Closed</p> <p>Tues 10 – 7pm</p> <p>Wed & Fri 10 – 5.30pm</p> <p>Thurs 10 – 1pm,</p> <p>Sat 9.30 – 1pm</p>
West Moors Library	<p>Station Road, West Moors. BH22 OJD</p> <p>01202 873272</p>	<p>Mon 2 – 5pm</p> <p>Tues 2pm – 6.30pm</p> <p>Wed – Closed</p> <p>Thurs 9.30 -1pm & 2pm -5pm</p> <p>Frid 9.30 -1pm</p> <p>Sat 10am – 12.30pm</p>
Ringwood Library	<p>Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hants. BH24 1DW</p> <p>0845 6035631</p>	<p>Mon – Closed</p> <p>Tues 9.30am – 7pm</p> <p>Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.30 – 5.30pm</p>

	01202 886201 Policyplanning@eastdorset.gov.uk	Fri 8.45 – 4.45pm
Ferndown Town Council	King George V Pavilion, Peter Grant Way, Ferndown. BH22 9EN 01202 892249	Mon – Fri 9 – 4pm
Verwood Town Council	Council Offices, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood. BH31 6DW 01202 820880	Mon - Fri 9 – 1pm
Wimborne Town Council	The Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne. BH21 1LT 01202 881655	Mon – Fri 9 – 1pm

Table 1.5

Colehill Library	Middlehill Road, Colehill, Wimborne. BH21 2HL 01202 886676	Mon 2 - 6pm Tues 9.30 – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm Wed – Closed Thur 2pm – 5pm Fri 2 – 6.30pm Sat 9.30 – 12.30pm
Corfe Mullen Library	54 Wareham Road, Corfe Mullen. BH21 3LE 01202 659755	Mon 10 – 1pm & 2pm – 5.30pm Tues closed Wed 2pm – 5.30pm

		Sat 9.30 – 1pm
Verwood Library	1 Manor Road, Verwood. BH31 6DS 01202 822972	Mon 10 – 1 & 2 -5pm Tues & Thurs 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm Wed – Closed Fri 10am – 1pm & 2 – 7pm Sat 9am – 1pm
Wimborne Library	Crown Mead, Rear of 55-57 High Street, Wimborne. BH21 1HH 01202 882770	Mon 10 – 6.30pm Tues 9.30am – 1pm Wed closed Thur 9.30am – 6.30pm Fri 9.30am – 5pm Sat 9.30am – 4pm
East Dorset Mobile Library	Please contact West Moors Library for details of this service to East Dorset villages 01202 873272	

Table 1.6

APPENDIX C

RECOMMENDED REVISED SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OBJECTIVES –September 2010

1	Protect, enhance and expand habitats and protected species (taking account of climate change), avoiding damage to designated wildlife and geological sites and protected species on which they depend.
2	Make sustainable use of resources.
3	Minimise pollution (including air, water, soil, noise, vibration and light).
4	Minimise factors contributing to climate change.
5	Provide access to meet people's needs.
6	Provide a safe and secure environment (including coastal protection, major hazards e.g. blast zones, crime / fear of crime and flooding).
7	Create conditions to improve health, promoting healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise and reducing health inequalities.
8	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everybody.
9	Help communities to support social cohesion through a reduction in the fear of crime and the provision of basic services and facilities, learning, training, skills, knowledge and culture.
10	Protect and enhance historic buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features.
11	Maintain and enhance local distinctiveness and create places, spaces and buildings that work well, wear well and look well.
12	Facilitate a sustainable and growing economy for the District that creates economic and employment opportunity, as well as providing for vital and viable town centres.

Appendix D
SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL OBJECTIVES –October 2008

1	Protect, enhance and expand habitats and protected species (taking account of climate change), avoiding damage to designated wildlife and geological sites and protected species on which they depend.
2	Promote the conservation and wise use of land.
3	Reduce contamination, and safeguard soil quality and quantity.
4	Minimize consumption and extraction of minerals.
5	Minimize waste, then re-use or recover it through recycling, composting or energy recovery.
6	Limit air, noise and light pollution to levels that do not damage natural systems.
7	Reduce the need/desire to travel by car, lorry, or air by making public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive.
8	Maintain water consumption within local carrying capacity limits (taking account of climate change).
9	Limit water pollution to levels that do not damage natural systems, maintain and enhance the quality of water.
10	Reduce vulnerability to flooding and, sea level rise (taking account of climate change).
11	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption and greenhouse emissions.
12	Create conditions to improve health, promoting healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise and reducing health inequalities.
13	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everybody.
14	Give everyone access to learning, training, skills and knowledge.
15	Reduce crime and fear of crime.
16	Help communities maintain facilities to support social cohesion and to enable everyone access to basic services easily, safely and affordably.
17	Increase access to and participation in cultural activities.
18	Protect and enhance historic buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features.

19	Maintain and enhance diversity and local distinctiveness.
20	Create places, spaces and buildings that work well, wear well and look well.
21	Improve the quantity and quality of publicly accessible open space.
22	Protect and enhance landscape.
23	Ensure adequate shopping provision and vitality and viability of town centres.
24	Facilitate a sustainable and growing economy for the District that creates economic and employment opportunity.

Sustainability Appraisal Objectives comparison table.

Old	New
1	Protect, enhance and expand habitats and protected species (taking account of climate change), avoiding damage to designated wildlife and geological sites and protected species on which they depend.
2	Make sustainable use of resources.
3	Minimise pollution (including air, water, soil, noise, vibration and light). + 2.
4	Merged into new objective 2
5	Merged into new objective 2
6	Merged into new objective 3
7	Provide access to meet people's needs.
8	Merged into new objective 2
9	Merged into new objective 3
10	Provide a safe and secure environment (including coastal protection, major hazards e.g. blast zones, crime and flooding).
11	Minimise factors contributing to climate change.
12	Create conditions to improve health, promoting healthy lifestyles, especially routine daily exercise and reducing health inequalities.
13	Help make suitable housing available and affordable for everybody.
14	Combined into new objectives 5 & 9
15	Combined into new objectives 6 + 9
16	Help communities to support social cohesion through a reduction in the fear of crime and the provision of basic services and facilities, learning, training, skills, knowledge and culture.
17	Merged into new objective 16
18	Protect and enhance historic buildings, archaeological sites and other culturally important features.
19	Merged into new objective 20
20	Maintain and enhance local distinctiveness and create places, spaces and buildings that work well, wear well and look well.
21	Combined into new objectives 5 & 9

22	Merged into new objective 11	
23	Merged into new objective 12	
24	Facilitate a sustainable and growing economy for the District that creates economic and employment opportunity, as well as providing for vital and viable town centres.	12