

Housing Strategy Consultation 2023

Overview

Dorset Council is aiming to produce its housing strategy by the end of 2023. Before we do, we want to hear from you. What is important to you when it comes to housing in the Dorset Council area.

We have provided some information about housing in Dorset, which you can read here ([link](#))

What is a Housing Strategy?

A housing strategy is a local housing authority's vision for housing in its area. It sets out objectives on how the council aims to manage and deliver its strategic housing role. Policies about housing issues should reflect the housing strategy.

About You

Q1. Please select the statement that best describes you.

Please tick only one item

<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dorset Council Councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish or Town Councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neighbourhood plan group member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Land Trust member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community group or charity representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private rented sector landlord or agent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordable or Social housing provider
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing support, care, or other housing related service provider
<input type="checkbox"/>	Development, construction or planning professional

Other – Please specify : _____

If you are responding on behalf of a group or organisation, please state the name: _____

Q2. If you are a member of the public, do you live in the Dorset Council area, or have a home here?

Please select only one item

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Q3. Please select the closest Town and Parish area in which you live.

Please select only one item

	Abbotsbury		Goathill		Shapwick
	Affpuddle and Turnerspudde		Godmanstone		Sherborne Town Council
	Alderholt		Gussage All Saints		Shillingstone
	Allington		Gussage St Michael		Shipton Gorge
	Alton Pancras		Halstock		Silton
	Anderson		Hammoon		Sixpenny Handley and Pentridge
	Arne		Hanford		South Perrott
	Ashmore		Haydon		Spetisbury
	Askerswell		Hazelbury Bryan		St Leonards and St Ives
	Athelhampton		Hermitage		Stalbridge
	Batcombe		Hilfield		Stanton St. Gabriel
	Beaminster		Hilton		Steeple with Tyneham
	Beer Hackett		Hinton		Stinsford
	Bere Regis		Hinton St Mary		Stockwood
	Bettiscombe		Holnest		Stoke Abbott
	Bincombe		Holt		Stoke Wake
	Bishop's Caundle		Holwell		Stour Provost
	Blandford Forum		Hooke		Stourpaine
	Blandford St Mary		Horton		Stourton Caundle
	Bloxworth		Ibberton		Stratton
	Bothenhampton		Iwerne Courtney		Studland
	Bourton		Iwerne Minster		Sturminster Marshall
	Bradford Abbas		Iwerne Stepleton		Sturminster Newton
	Bradford Peverell		Kimmeridge		Sutton Waldron
	Bradpole		Kingston Russell		Swanage
	Bridport Town Council		Kington Magna		Swyre
	Broadmayne		Langton Herring		Sydling St Nicholas
	Broadwindsor		Langton Long		Symondsburly
	Bryanston		Langton Matravers		Tarrant Crawford
	Buckhorn Weston		Leigh		Tarrant Gunville
	Buckland Newton		Leweston		Tarrant Hinton
	Burleston		Lillington		Tarrant Keyneston
	Burstock		Littlebredy		Tarrant Launceston
	Burton Bradstock		Litton Cheney		Tarrant Monkton
	Cann		Loders		Tarrant Rawston
	Castleton		Long Bredy		Tarrant Rushton
	Catherston Leweston		Longburton		Thorncombe
	Cattistock		Lydlinch		Thornford
	Caundle Marshall		Lyme Regis		Tinleton
	Cerne Abbas		Lytchett Matravers		Todber
	Chalbury		Lytchett Minster and Upton		Toller Fratrum
	Chaldon Herring		Maiden Newton		Toller Porcorum

	Charlton Marshall		Manston		Tolpuddle
	Charminster		Mapperton		Trent
	Charmouth		Mappowder		Turnworth
	Chedington		Margaret Marsh		Up Cerne
	Cheselbourne		Marnhull		Verwood Town Council
	Chetnole		Marshwood		Wareham St Martin
	Chettle		Melbury Abbas		Wareham Town Council
	Chickerell Town Council		Melbury Bubb		Warmwell
	Chideock		Melbury Osmond		West Chelborough
	Chilcombe		Melbury Sampford		West Compton
	Child Okeford		Melcombe Horsey		West Knighton
	Chilfrome		Milborne St Andrew		West Lulworth
	Church Knowle		Milton Abbas		West Moors Town Council
	Clifton Maybank		Minterne Magna		West Orchard
	Colehill		Morden		West Parley
	Compton Abbas		Moreton		West Stafford
	Compton Valence		Mosterton		West Stour
	Coombe Keynes		Motcombe		Weymouth Town Council
	Corfe Castle		Nether Cerne		Whitchurch Canonorum
	Corfe Mullen Town Council		Nether Compton		Whitcombe
	Corscombe		Netherbury		Wimborne Minster Town Council
	Cranborne		North Poorton		Wimborne St Giles
	Crichel		North Wootton		Winfrith Newburgh and East Knighton
	Crossways		Osborne		Winterborne Came
	Dewlish		Okeford Fitzpaine		Winterborne Clenston
	Dorchester Town Council		Osmington		Winterborne Herrington
	Durweston		Over Compton		Winterborne Houghton
	East Chelborough		Owermoigne		Winterborne Kingston
	East Holme		Pamphill		Winterborne Monkton
	East Lulworth		Piddlehinton		Winterborne St Martin
	East Orchard		Piddletrenthide		Winterborne Stickland
	East Stoke		Pilsdon		Winterborne Whitechurch
	East Stour		Pimperne		Winterborne Zelston
	Edmondsham		Portesham		Winterbourne Abbas
	Evershot		Portland Town Council		Winterbourne Steepleton
	Farnham		Powerstock		Witchampton
	Ferndown Town Council		Poxwell		Woodlands
	Fifehead Magdalen		Poyntington		Woodsford
	Fifehead Neville		Puddletown		Wool
	Fleet		Pulham		Woolland
	Folke		Puncknowle		Wootton Fitzpaine
	Fontmell Magna		Purse Caundle		Worth Matravers
	Frampton		Rampisham		Wraxall
	Frome St Quintin		Ryme Intrinseca		Wynford Eagle
	Frome Vauchurch		Sandford Orcas		Yetminster

	Gillingham Town Council		Seaborough		
	Glanvilles Wootton		Shaftesbury		

Vision

Our vision is to ensure our residents have access to affordable, suitable, secure homes where they can live well and be part of sustainable and thriving communities.

Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this vision?

Please tick only one item

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree - <i>go to Q5 if selected</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree - <i>go to Q5 if selected</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

Only answer if you selected disagree or strongly disagree at Q4, other go to Q6.

Q5. Please tell us why you disagree with the vision. Please use the space below.

What's important to you?

We have provided some information about housing in Dorset. Please see attached the 'Housing Strategy Evidence Base – July 2023' document for reference.

Q6. We have identified that the following matters are important and we want to know your views on them. Please rate each of the following matters on a scale where 1, is not very important to you to 5, is very important to you.

	Not very important - 1	2	3	4	Very important - 5	No opinion
Building more social and affordable housing for rent						
Homelessness (e.g., people who are at risk of losing their home or have already lost their home)						
Supporting affordable home ownership for first time buyers and working age people						
Improving the standard of rented housing						
Providing specialist housing for older people (e.g, extra care and retirement housing)						
More homes which are accessible and/or adapted for disabled people						
Support to help people live independently in their own homes						
Deliver more community led housing schemes through Community Land Trusts and Neighbourhood Plans						
More housing to meet the needs of people in their local communities						
Infrastructure to support new housing development (e.g., road improvements, school places and GP capacity)						
Protecting historic buildings and local character						
Design of new homes (e.g., to improve energy efficiency, reduce environmental impact,						

protect natural environment, and to be easier to adapt to changing needs)						
Using council land and assets for affordable housing						
Homes for keyworkers (e.g., NHS staff, care workers)						
Providing more specialist supported accommodation for children & young people (e.g., young people with physical & learning disabilities)						
Providing more housing with support for adults. (e.g, for people with, mental health, issues, drug and alcohol issues, physical disability, learning disabilities)						
Reducing the impact of second homes on availability of housing						
Reducing the impact of Airbnb on availability of housing						

Q7. Is there anything you think we've missed from the list of statements in the previous question?

Please use the space below.

Q8. Please ONLY rank the top 5 that are important to you, with 1 being the most important.

Please number your top 5 choices from the list below.

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and retirement housing)	
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Objectives

The housing strategy will set out our 5 year aims and objectives for housing in Dorset. Based on the evidence we have been considering the following aims and objectives:

Q9. Are these the right aims and objectives for housing needs?

Housing Need

Key Objective: Enabling residents to live safe, healthy, independent lives in homes that meet their needs.

Aim: We will invest in and provide a selection of housing and support services that promote healthy, safe, and independent lives.

Please select only one item

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

Is there anything missing? Please tell us here.

Q10. Are these the right aims and objectives for housing supply?

Housing Supply

Key Objective: Driving the delivery of homes people need and can afford to live in

Aim: We aim to increase the supply of affordable and social housing, which will help to ensure that all residents in Dorset have access to high-quality housing that is affordable to buy or rent. To achieve this, we will work with our partners to identify and support a range of housing options that meet the needs of our community.

Please select only one item

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

Is there anything missing? Please tell us here.

Q11. Are these the right aims and objectives for housing standards?

Housing Standards

Key Objective: Improving the quality, standard, and safety of homes.

Aim: We are committed to improving the quality of housing for everyone by forming strong partnerships, using resources wisely, and making sure that regulations are enforced.

Please select only one item

	Yes
	No
	Don't know

Is there anything missing? Please tell us here.

Q12. Are these the right aims and objectives for the prevention of homelessness?

Prevention of Homelessness

Key Objective: Support, at the right time, to people in crisis to prevent homelessness.

Aim: We recognise that we need to offer a range of housing options for people in crisis, and we are committed to tackling homelessness by providing support and assistance to help people find suitable long-term housing solutions.

Please select only one item

	Yes
	No
	Don't know

Is there anything missing? Please tell us here.

A few more questions about you....

This section is optional. We use it to collect diversity information. This helps to ensure any changes do not unfairly impact specific sectors of the community. It also helps to make sure our consultation response comes from a representative sample of residents.

Q13. Which age group do you belong to?

Please select only one item

	Under 18
	19 - 24
	25 – 34
	35 – 44
	45 – 54
	55 – 64
	65 or over
	Prefer not to say

Q14. Please state your sex.

Please select only one item

	Male
	Female
	Prefer not to say

Q15. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please select only one item

	Yes – <i>go to Q16 if selected</i>
	No
	Prefer not to say

Only answer if you selected yes at Q15, otherwise skip to Q17.

Q16. At the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability. Please state the type of disability which applies to you.

Please select all that apply.

	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
	Autistic Spectrum Conditions

	Blind
	Dyscalculia
	Dyslexia
	Dyspraxia
	Deaf
	Hearing loss
	Long term health condition
	Mental health issues
	Physical impairment
	Sign Language User
	Visually impaired
	Medical conditions
	Mobility issues
	Learning disability
	Specific learning differences
	Wheelchair user

If you prefer to use another term, please write in: _____

Q17. Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

Please select only one item

	White: British
	White: Irish
	White: Gypsy
	White: Irish Traveller
	White: Other
	Mixed: White and Black Caribbean
	Mixed: White and Black African
	Mixed: White and Asian
	Mixed: Other
	Asian or Asian British: Indian
	Asian or Asian British: Pakistan
	Asian or Asian British: Chinese
	Asian or Asian British: Other
	Black or Black British:
	Arab
	Other ethnic group
	Prefer not to say

If other, please specify here: _____

Thank you for your responses.