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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation: Planning for climate change guidance documents

Dorset Council is consulting on the following, to provide guidance on how climate change is taken into account in planning applications and decisions:

- **Interim guidance and position statement** - to help decision makers weigh up the benefits of addressing climate change with other material considerations. The statement provides an overview of the legislative, national and local policy context and addresses sustainable design and construction and planning for renewable energy schemes.
- **Sustainability checklist** - sets out questions for applicants to check in relation to their schemes' sustainable design and construction.
- **Amendment to Paragraph 39 of the Dorset National and Local List of Requirements** – amending the existing requirement to submit a sustainability statement for relevant planning applications to include the proposed sustainability checklist.
- **Listed buildings – what you can do for climate change** - to help householders with what they can do to increase energy efficiency in their listed buildings and understand what they would need consent for.

The consultation is running from **20 April to 8 June 2023**.

You can view the draft documents and comment online at:

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-for-climate-change

If you have any questions about the documents or about commenting, please contact the Planning Policy team via email at planningpolicy@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or by telephone on 01305 838334.

Please respond to the consultation by 5pm on Thursday 8 June 2023.

Your faithfully

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