

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

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| <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

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| <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

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| | 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 | | Symondsbur |
| | 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 |

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| | 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 |

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| | 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

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| <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 |
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| 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, | | | | | | |

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| 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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| 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 | |

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| 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 | |
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| 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) | |
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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

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| <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

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| | 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

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| | 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

| | |
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| | 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

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| | 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.

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

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| | 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

| | |
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| | 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.