

DORSET LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION - SHAFTESBURY PUBLIC MEETING

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD 19:00 - 21:00
THE GUILD HALL**

BACKGROUND -

- What is a Local Plan?
- A Local Plan is a document produced by every local planning authority (LPA) in England that outlines policies and proposals regarding the development and use of land within its area. It serves as a framework for planning decisions and must align with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Local Plans typically cover a period of 15 to 20 years and include both strategic and non-strategic policies that address the priorities for the area, such as housing, infrastructure and community facilities.
- It is mandatory for a county or unitary council to produce a Local Plan

The NPPF

- This is central government's key legislation on planning in England & Wales
- At the beginning of the NPPF it says:
- The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, which is defined by:
- **an economic objective** - to help build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places
- **a social objective** - to support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations
- **an environmental objective** - to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment

The key statement in the NPPF

- ‘So that sustainable development is pursued in a positive way, at the heart of the framework is a **presumption in favour of sustainable development**’
- The only legal protection from uncontrolled ‘sustainable development’ is a Local Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan.
- It is vital that Dorset Council hears your views - please submit at:

What's Dorset's situation?

- Central government has set Dorset a target of building 55,000 homes over the term of the plan, so within 17 years.
- This would equate to building 3,765 homes a year
- Over the last 4 years Dorset has built 1,662 a year
- DC feel that as we have 25,000 homes with planning permission in the pipeline, they are going to ask for the target to be reduced to 30,000
- This would give a target of 1,765 homes per year. Still a stretch but within the realms of possibility
- In order to be able to press for this revised target, we need to support Dorset Council by submitting responses to the local plan

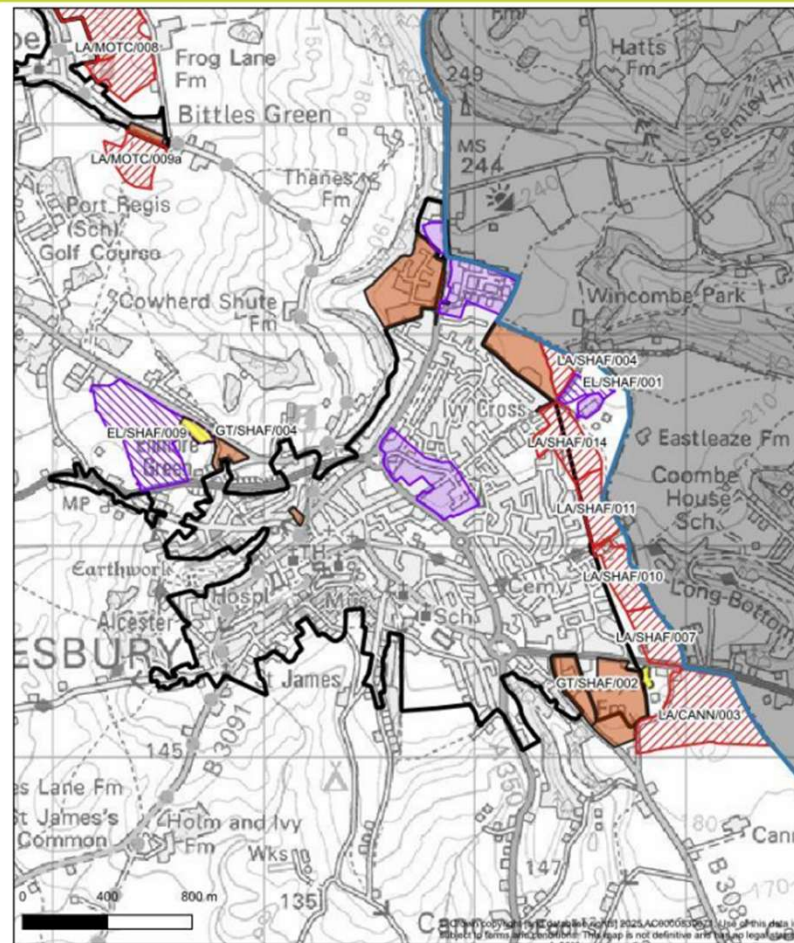
How can you submit your comments?

- Fill in the survey at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/have-your-say>, then click on Local Plan
- Or you can email planningpolicyconsult@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- Or you can write a letter addressed to:

Spatial Planning Team
Dorset Council
County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester DT1 1XJ

Make sure you give a reference or subject heading of [Dorset Local Plan](#)

Shaftesbury



Consultation sites

- Residential option - proposed
- Employment option - proposed
- Gypsy & traveller site - proposed

Existing allocations & consents

- Settlement boundary - existing
- Employment allocation - existing
- Residential permission - extant
- County boundary / outside plan area

