

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT TO CBPC MEETING 01/03/21

1. Surveys

- A 2nd Business Survey is ready to be issued but is on hold until further notice, primarily because we believe that given the devastating impact of Covid-19 on local businesses it is of little value to publish a survey at this time.

2. Meetings with AECOM

- Work on Design Codes is almost complete and a draft report is expected to be issued shortly, at which time we will have 2 weeks to make comments.
- Work on Site Assessments is on hold until site visits can be made by AECOM staff.

3. Dorset Council Local Plan Options

- We have been reviewing the Dorset Local Plan and a number of issues were raised by members of the SG in a meeting on the 22nd February. It is intended to produce a short paper expressing our concerns and forward it to the Council before the deadline for comments.

4. Ongoing work

- A discussion was held at the NPSG on the 22/2 about work over the next 3 months and given the situation with Covid-19, it was agreed that it would be very difficult to continue with the plan until restrictions on public meetings etc were removed. The next stage, once the Site Assessments are completed by AECOM is to enter a period of pre-consultations with the community. Until then we will continue to work on the plan but at a much reduced level. It is expected that this will continue until the early summer. The SG will however continue to meet monthly to keep things ticking over.

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Chair of NPSG
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