

Public Consultation on a Neighbourhood Plan for the next 20 years

Public Meeting at Bettiscombe Parish Hall Wednesday 29 June (7-9 pm)

We need you to be involved to give us your views so do please come

Following on from public consultation meetings, held in February at Blackdown and in May at Stoke Abbott, we would like to invite residents of Bettiscombe and Pilsdon to give us their views on what should be in our Neighbourhood Plan.

Anyone else who missed the Blackdown or Stoke Abbott meetings is also welcome. We will make a presentation on what issues have been identified so far and invite you to add to them by giving us your thoughts on:

What is missing that we will need in the future?

What do we want to preserve?

Where exactly could new things be located?

The team looks forward to meeting you and hearing your views

The outcome of this consultation process will allow us to produce a first draft of the plan to be presented to you at a further public meeting. So what can a Neighbourhood Plan do for Upper Marshwood Vale and why should you get involved? The Plan can:

- Clarify aspirations for the future
- Indicate where & what type of development should take place
- Include policies that add detail to the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan
- Build on the work done so far with the Community Land Trust and the Parish Plan
- Enable potential for grant aid
- Allow further potential for delivering additional affordable housing
- Provide the opportunity to be proactive in planning... to be positive & creative... not just reactive and negative
- Enable new funds to flow into the area: once the plan has been approved, 25% of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding secured by West Dorset District Council would become available
- Enable a detailed 'Projects Plan' to be developed so that real local environmental/other improvements can be implemented in future years
- Enable Upper Marshwood Vale to submit coherent and professional representations on future planning applications, linked to Neighbourhood Plan Policies
- When finally adopted, a Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Statutory Development Plan and be taken into account in making planning decisions