

Official Statement on Behalf of Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council Regarding the Dorset Local Plan and Cranborne Estate Master Plan

Dorset Local Plan

Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council wishes to draw residents' attention to the ongoing consultation on the Dorset Local Plan. A series of public engagement events have taken place to provide residents with information and guidance on how to make representations.

The Council would like to remind all residents that the deadline for submitting responses to the Dorset Local Plan is **13th October 2025**. Full details, including how to respond, are available via the following link:

 [Dorset Local Plan – Dorset Council Website](#)

Regrettably, the Parish Council meeting scheduled for September was cancelled due to being inquorate.

Given that the Dorset Local Plan consultation invites individual responses, and following appropriate procedural advice, it has been agreed that Parish Councillors will submit their representations on an individual basis. Accordingly, it was determined that there is no requirement to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council in relation to this matter.

Cranborne Estate Master Plan

Cranborne Estate, as the principal landowner in Cranborne, has recently hosted a public meeting to present its emerging vision for the future of the village. This event provided residents with an early opportunity to offer feedback prior to the formal submission of any proposals.

Once any application or plan is formally submitted to Dorset Council, it will be subject to the standard planning process. At that point, the Parish Council will be formally notified by the Local Planning Authority and will submit comments as a statutory consultee, in accordance with due process.

Should residents wish to discuss the Cranborne Estate Master Plan in a broader public forum, there is provision under the Local Government Act for electors to call a Parish Meeting. This could be arranged in the New Year, and residents should be aware that there are specific legal requirements governing the calling and conduct of such a meeting to ensure its legitimacy.