

DARTMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - YOUR CHANCE TO COMMENT ON DARTMOUTH'S FUTURE



Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan (DNP):
Regulation 14 Consultation: 2 August to 13 September 2021 26 July 2021

Your involvement is now needed as we have reached a crucial stage of the local Neighbourhood Planning process - your first sight of the Plan. The Plan is based on contributions from residents, views from the public survey in 2016, input from the Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Steering Group) and research and investigation developed particularly through its Topic Groups of local people.

The Plan has been prepared by a group of local volunteers and takes account of neighbourhood planning legislation that guides this process. The draft Plan presented here has been approved by the Dartmouth Town Council. If and when finally adopted via a local public Referendum it will impact us all by being a statutory planning document across the Dartmouth Plan area until 2034. When it becomes law it will inform all future development in the Parish area.

Your input is requested now through this consultation. Please take some time to read the Plan online on our website www.dartmouthplan.org. An Executive Summary of the Plan is also included on the website. The Plan is a complicated document over 100 pages long. This is not of our choosing; the legislation is complex, and we have to provide a lot of statutory information in the Plan.

Please respond with your comments either via the Online Response Form, also on the website, or by hard copy of the Response Form by post or by hand to the Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan c/o Dartmouth Town Council, The Guildhall, Victoria Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 9RY where there will be several full copies of the Plan which will enable you to read the details and then complete a hard copy response form to give your views.

I haven't got or don't use a computer. No problem, you've still got various options to enable you to see the Plan. Contact the Town Clerk or speak with a Councillor and you can be provided with a hard copy. Or go to the Dartmouth Library at the Flavel where there will be a hard copy to see or you can make use of their free internet access to view the plan online at www.dartmouthplan.org. Copies are also available to see at the Dartmouth Visitor Centre.

What if I have questions? These can be noted by you on the Response Form for our consideration. In addition there will be series of public events to be announced in both the lower part of Dartmouth and in Townstal for you to ask these questions of the group.

And then what? The DNP Steering Group will collate all responses, edit the Plan and policies as appropriate and then submit the final draft to South Hams District Council. SHDC will then undertake a further formal public consultation after which The Plan will go to an independent examiner and then finally to the formal local Referendum in Dartmouth itself, as noted above.

