

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Following a 'yes' vote in the referendum on 13 February 2020, Dorset Council officially 'made' the Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan (SPNP) on 5 May 2020 which due to local government re-organisation Weymouth Town Council own as the 'Qualifying Body'.

The newly formed Weymouth Town Council (WTC) voted to develop a neighbourhood plan for the whole town council area and the designated boundary for the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) was agreed in July 2020; this area includes Sutton Poyntz.

The SPNP Steering Group were asked to provide a point of contact to share experience of the process and co-operate in the delivery of the proposed Weymouth plan; Colin Marsh and Peter Dye agreed to undertake this role. It was confirmed that the proposed WNP will "ensure that the Sutton Poyntz plan is respected and included within the new developing plan".

WTC have established open Forum meetings (virtual) and a public survey which concluded in January 2021 and have appointed ECA as consultants. A 10 person Steering Group was set up and includes SPNP Steering Group members (Colin Marsh with Peter Dye deputising). Councillor Jan Bergman is a deputy town council representative.

WTC recently appointed a project manager (Clive Tuck) .

Key documents that have been researched and drafted are 'Vision, Aims and Themes' including results of the first public consultation, 'Housing Needs Assessment' and 'Character Area Assessment'.

A number of policy theme groups are proposed and will be open to public involvement.

A call for development sites within the WNP area is proposed in the near future. A series of area walkabouts are planned to help gather local information and facilitate public involvement. We expect a visit to Sutton Poyntz in the near future and this will provide an opportunity to express views on monitoring and review of the SPNP and the impact of the proposed WNP, as well as influencing policy development for the latter.

Please keep a close eye on the Sutton Poyntz village web site for updates about progress of the Weymouth Plan and the publication of key documents.

If you have any questions please contact your elected Town Council representatives Peter Dickinson, Tony Ferrari or Jan Bergman.

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