



BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Bourton Neighbourhood Plan

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Dear Resident,

The Parish Council has decided that Bourton needs a Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan will determine future decisions involving planning applications, infrastructure, housing and economic development. The Plan will set out policies for the use of land in the parish both with regard to conservation and future needs of the community. It will present a vision as to what the village will be like to live and work in and how that vision can be achieved.

The Bourton Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local people to influence what happens in their Parish over the next fifteen years or so. A Working Group has been established to seek the views of the community and prepare the Plan before it is scrutinised by an independent Inspector to assess whether the Plan has met the necessary legal and planning criteria. The Plan will then be put to a referendum in the village and, if more than 50 per cent of people voting are in favour, it must be adopted by North Dorset District Council as part of their district wide plan.

You can see from this just how important it is you make your views known so that these can be reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan for the village.

There is no guarantee that the wishes of the community with regard to the provision of infrastructure such as playgrounds, traffic calming, community facilities etc., will be provided. In order for these to be affordable, they would probably need to be funded through contributions arising from development, increased Council Tax or public fund raising – we, therefore, have to be careful what we wish for!

Please complete the questionnaire and give it to _____ who will return to collect it in the next few days – if you require additional copies for other members of your household please call on _____ or email _____.

Kind regards

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Chairman Bourton Parish Council

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Group