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We have been trailing this in our e-news for 2/3 weeks now and wanted to send you this note we received from Dorset Council to confirm the consultation window is open.

Please be advised Dorset Council has launched [The Housing Strategy Consultation today](#).

Residents who take part will have the opportunity to influence the council's approach to housing over the next five years.

The consultation is primarily a questionnaire, with some space for free text, it's anticipated it will take just minutes to complete.

The aim is for as many people as possible to contribute with their views about what is important to them.

Key issues such as housing need, supply, and standards are some of the issues highlighted. The overarching aim of the consultation however is simple, to hear what residents have to say.

Lead member for Housing Councillor Graham Carr-Jones said;

"The housing strategy is for and about the residents of Dorset. Dorset Council does not want to produce a strategy without collaborating with the people it is about and the people it is for. Our residents' feedback is as important as ever and when we've consulted in the past we have been encouraged by the response.

The consultation is for everyone, individuals, families, organisations, people of all ages and backgrounds."

Visit the website to take part in the consultation. There are also short videos about residents' experiences. The consultation is open for 10 weeks.

If residents are unable to complete the consultation on -line or wish to request a paper copy, please call 01305 221000 for further information.

The strategy will run from 24 July 2023 for ten weeks and closes on Monday 2nd of October.

An evidence-based document will also be available for anyone who chooses to read it, it is not compulsory. It can be accessed on the consultation site or at libraries.

Paper copies will need to be returned by 6th October 2023.

Attached is also a digital version of the poster. (Clerk is putting this on the notice boards.)

Please share as widely as possible to encourage a range of responses from our residents.

Any queries should be directed to: housingstrategyproject@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Regards

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