

# A TALE OF TWO PLANS

Vote for the *Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan* in the local Referendum on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The plan has been examined. The 48 recommendations have been incorporated. The examiner said 'it enables the attractive character and appearance of Weymouth to be maintained whilst enabling sustainable development to proceed.'

The plan protects 49 local green spaces across Weymouth incl. 8 in Upwey & Broadwey, incidental open spaces in 4 estates incl. Corfe Manor estate, and 5 coastal recreation areas. The plan requires new greenfield development has 50% affordable homes and allocates sites at Redlands and Preston which include transfer of a far bigger area into public ownership to protect Wey Valley and Lorton Valley. Your vote is needed to bring the plan into force which will protect the whole of Weymouth from speculative development for 5 years whilst supporting the town centre regeneration. You will receive polling details by post.

**Cllr Northam met with 50 residents at the Upwey & Broadwey Memorial Hall to outline the Dorset Local Plan process in his first outdoor meetings.** The Dorset Local Plan Consultation runs to 31st October. Five sites are identified in Upwey & Broadwey; Residents were urged to take part in the online survey at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) and have their say. The Local Plan sets Strategic Policies it will not address the detail the Neighbourhood Plan provides eg protecting Local Green Spaces.

The Dorset Local Plan will not come into force until Dec 2027. It will not supersede the Neighbourhood Plan. But where they conflict the Dorset Local Plan will take precedence.



## YOUR LIB DEM TEAM FOR UPWEY AND BROADWEY



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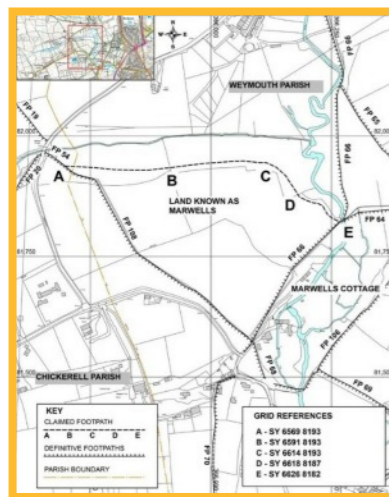
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## BEST FOOT FORWARD



Walkers and ramblers look set to celebrate victory and reopen a popular footpath stretching from Redlands to Harbour Bridge. After a new landowner stopped local people using the path, David took up the battle and Dorset Council have supported the case for this to be declared a Public Right of Way.

"I'd like to thank all those who helped me with this campaign, especially the 23 local residents who were able to prove that the path had been well-used over the past 20 years," he said. The final hurdle comes when Dorset Council publish its formal notice in the coming weeks. This gives local people the chance to comment in support or against. David said "I urge residents to support this and get a local asset back in public use in our patch once again."

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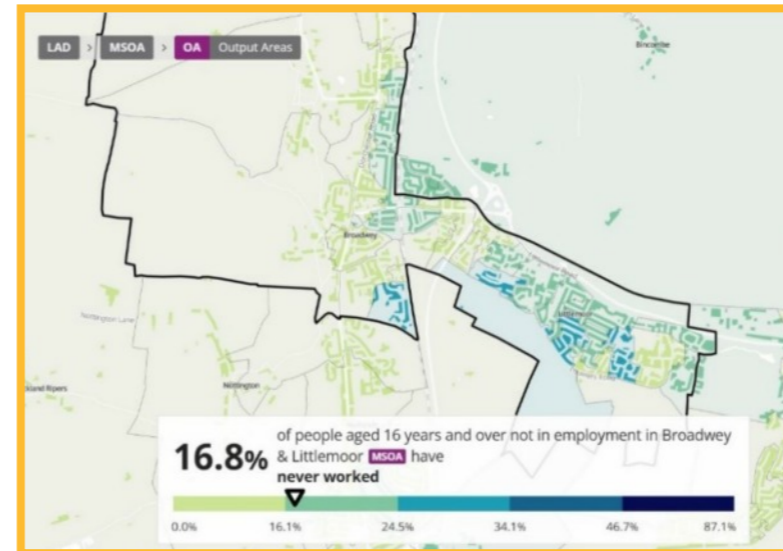
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From your Lib Dem Councillors  
David Northam, Beverley Day and Tim Young

## WEY'RE IN THE MONEY!



**Great news for Broadwey and Littlemoor – we have the opportunity to secure £20m grant to be spent over 10 years!**

The Pride in Place grant will be spent in the area shown on the map recognising that parts of our area have high unemployment, and a lack community facilities.

"This investment will improve lives and improve where we all live. It's great news," said Upwey & Broadwey Lib Dem Councillor David Northam. This winter the Government will publish data on the priorities in the area; **ie to build stronger communities, to create thriving places and to empower people to take back control.**

Please contact David if you are interested in being part of the Neighbourhood Board putting forward a 10 year vision for Broadwey and Littlemoor! The first funding will be made in Spring 2027.

## NO NEED TO SPEED

Families, elderly residents and cyclists have all been in contact with your Lib Dem councillors about speeding cars in our area. Now we are starting to see some action. Weymouth Town Council are conducting a survey on 20 mph zones across the town – including in our area Upwey and Broadwey. Cllr Matt Bell has led this initiative.

One of the key suggestions is that all side roads off Dorchester Road should be limited to 20mph.

"We have all raised speeding issues and this survey is the chance to get changes brought in," said Cllr Northam.

Cllr Day has also raised concerns about speeds on Dorchester Road and the hazard to school children."

Cllr Young is urging residents to contact him with their views by email – just add 20mph to the subject line – and he will take it up with Weymouth Town Council.



## WORKING FOR YOU IN UPWEY AND BROADWEY

# UPWEY AND BROADWEY UPDATES

**Result!** After visiting Church Street with a resident to discuss culverts and flooding, Cllr David Northam can confirm that the Neighbourhood Highways officer has committed to sorting the culverts as part of the upcoming road resurfacing.

**Notice! Church** Street will be closed from Elwell Street to Goulds Hill while Wessex Water relines the sewer main. The road will be closed from 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Result!** Following up on resident's concerns - Remarking of yellow lines has been scheduled for this Autumn on road junctions on Dorchester Road north of Littlemoor Road junction.

**Notice!** Nottingham Lane will be closed near Buckland Rippers whilst Wessex Water lays a new mains supply. The road will be closed from 1st Dec to 22nd Dec and again from 6th Jan to 28th Feb. Diversions will be in place.

**Plans for major development are beginning optimism;** and your Lib Dem councillors will be ensuring that residents can have as much input into these plans as possible. With the help, this time, of Government funding the major empty sites in Weymouth that are now owned by Dorset Council and are getting ready for development. These include the old council house site (presently a temporary car park), the old bowling alley site, the peninsular plus other sites. Car parks have been mentioned as many of these are in prime positions, but DC has guaranteed no reduction in Town Centre parking so they would have to create new areas for parking, eg a possible second deck on the Swannery.

Business Enterprise is the second pathway and is even more exciting but is more dependent on Government decisions. Various businesses would like to support Portland, Weymouth and Chickerell to become the centre for green energy and other green developments. Private money is said to be available but clearly if we created 2000

## PATHWAYS TO PROSPERITY: reasons to be optimistic

well paid jobs in the neighbourhood we have to manage the consequences carefully. All this is being tied together with a new Weymouth Town Centre Master Plan. We're keen to explore these ideas with an open mind but we are aware of our transport and housing problems.

Cllr Northam has been working with Dorset Council on the Pathways to Prosperity plan which will re-energise the Weymouth area. David commented 'Our part of Dorset is uniquely placed for energising Dorset - the location and geology are special. If this goes to plan it will bring in green energy jobs on offshore wind farms, hydrogen production and storage, carbon storage and improvements to the power grid. This coupled with the town centre regeneration and flood prevention will change our future providing hope and pride through redevelopment of the large brownfield sites in the town centre.' More on this in future Focus.

## LIB DEMS EXPOSE £13M WASTE AT DORSET COUNCIL

The **new Lib Dem administration** at Dorset Council has wasted no time in tackling the financial mess left by the Conservatives.

A rapid spending review, called **DOGE for Dorset**, uncovered:

- An **£8 million black hole** in the budget, with no plan to fix it.
- Dorset paying neighbouring councils to take our recycling – but not charging them in return. A loss of at least **£1 million**.
- Conservatives had also stopped **Cost of Living support** – Lib Dems have reinstated it for the next four years.

But the review revealed worse:

- **£13 million spent with no checks or controls**.
- Evidence of **fraud, corruption and waste** going back to 2022/23.

So far, **11 interim staff have been sacked**, the **police are investigating**, and Dorset Council is working to recover at least **£1 million** owed to taxpayers.

**Cllr Simon Clifford, Lib Dem Cabinet Member for Finance**, said:

"It has really shocked me. I am pushing for further investigations to make sure this can never happen again. The scale of misspending will hit our bank balance. It's a scandal – and the Lib Dems won't rest until we have recovered as much of the wasted millions as possible." The Conservatives say they are not to blame as officers didn't tell them what was going on.

**Dorset deserves better than Conservative lack of awareness and mismanagement.**

**Lib Dems are cutting waste and putting things right.**



## FAMILIES HIT WITH £50 A MONTH EXTRA ON ENERGY BILLS



**Families and pensioners are still being clobbered with sky-high energy bills — over £50 a month more than five years ago. Businesses are feeling the pain too.**

The narrative used by the Conservatives and Reform UK is that generating electricity by solar and wind is too expensive and we should therefore stop generating from renewables and rely on oil and gas. This narrative is false. Generating electricity from solar and wind is now much cheaper than the alternatives but households aren't seeing the benefit — because electricity prices are still tied to the price of gas.

Years of disastrous Conservative energy policies pushed up bills, and this Labour Government has failed to bring them down.

The majority of the renewable market is still governed by Renewable Obligations Certificates which is fixed by the wholesale price of gas. If this link is removed and renewable projects moved into new Contracts for Difference, as recommended by academics at the UK Energy Research Centre, electricity would be cheaper and it would let people benefit from clean, renewable power.

The Liberal Democrats are campaigning to break the link between wholesale gas and electricity prices so that electricity will be cheaper. This link is unfair and also undermines public support for the investment we need in renewable power.

**It's time for fairer, cleaner energy bills — and a government that puts people first.**

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