

FOCUS

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On Upwey and Broadwey

20 MPH IS FAST ENOUGH IN UPWEY AND BROADWEY?



Dorset Council, in November 2022, adopted a 20 mph policy towns and parishes to apply for 20 mph speed limits and zones. Such measures reduce the average speed by 5 mph (DfT Speed Compliance Report 2021) with a consequential benefit on road traffic injuries, noise and pollution. Elwell Street and Nottingham already have 20mph zones. Should all residential areas in Upwey & Broadwey be 20 mph? The Jan 2023 Nottingham Lane traffic survey showed an amazing 2000 vehicles a day using the lane as a rat-run to access Dorchester Road with an average speed of 20.5 mph. The biggest benefit comes to areas with highest average speeds - should Dorchester Road be included to benefit from improved safety and to encourage traffic to use the £87M Weymouth Relief Road?

Let us know what you think.

We want all of Weymouth to benefit from 20 mph in residential areas.

REVISED TOWN AND WARD BOUNDARIES

Back in May, Dorset Council Councillors met to decide on revised boundaries for the town of Weymouth and the town wards within it. It was agreed that the Nightingale Drive estate, north of the Littlemoor Road, would transfer in from Bincombe Parish and that the new houses being built right opposite Littlemoor shopping area would also be in Weymouth.

Weymouth Town Council had recommended that these new houses should go into the current Littlemoor ward but the Tories on DC decided to amend the proposal and put them in with Upwey and Broadwey! Weymouth Town Council are currently deciding what options there are to appeal this decision.

This runs alongside the final draft plan for the Upwey and Broadwey DC ward (all to the west of the rail line) should go into the West Dorset parliamentary constituency. The Boundary Commission has come back and withdrawn its proposal for Upwey and Broadwey to move into West Dorset. This ward will now remain in South Dorset but Chickerell is still proposed to move from West to South Dorset Constituency.



THIS YEARS GRASS CUTTING

"Weymouth Town Council is mainly responsible for community and play areas. Dorset Council staff cut the verges as they are considered part of the highway however one of two grass cutters broke down on 30th March. It has since been repaired and catch up work was assured when Howard made enquiries. However, this has only been partially attained and Howard has put in an enquiry as to what the problem is now. More information is on the Dorset Council Roads, Highways and Maintenance web page where there is a "report a problem" link.

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WEYMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



The Initial Draft of the Plan was approved by the Steering Group and endorsed by Weymouth Town Council on May 3rd (www.tinyurl.com/WNP01). This enables a comprehensive independent assessment of the impact of the plan on the environment. The plan will go through further revisions and will be out for 6 weeks formal consultation in September 2023.

ALLOTMENTS

The plan protects **allotments** and encourages new allotments and notes that Upwey & Broadwey lacks public allotments. Lorton Park new development included allotments for its residents. Can you offer or recommend any sites in your area? Would you want an allotment if one were available near you?

Let us know what you think.



OPEN SPACES

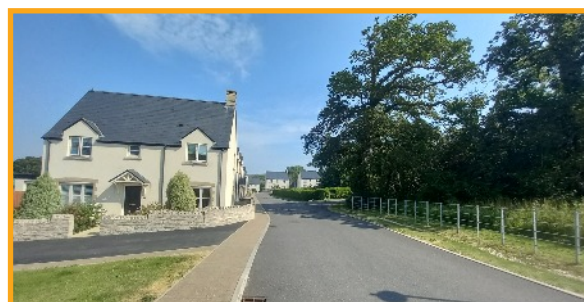
Residents have submitted for protection as valued Local Green Spaces the following areas of land see Map 13 in WNP; Hurdlemead, adj Sanderling Close, The Finches, Redlands Watermeadows, Westmacott Est, Corfe Hill Est. Since the draft was approved additional suggestions have been made at Dorchester Rd/Springfield Road. In addition, there are policies to encourage safe and responsible use of riversides, which includes the R Wey, and to protect incidental open spaces including around Corfe Manor Estate.

Let us know what you think.

HOUSING

Weymouth needs truly affordable homes, ie Social Housing. The plan includes policies to increase the number of such homes and a number of sites are still under consideration (tinyurl.com/WNP02) including Redlands Farm in Upwey & Broadwey ward.

Let us know what you think.



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And we always welcome residents who want to help us by putting a few of these leaflets out in your street. This will give us more time to help you.

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