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Dear Councillor / Management Group Member

You are invited to attend an **INFORMAL MEETING** concerning the **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**, to be held at in **EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL** on **WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY 2018**.

The meeting will be conducted as part of the current Informal Consultation Stage. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the process and content of the draft Plan, together with the procedure for making a response.

Resources will be available.

The session will start at 7.00 pm and end at 9.00 pm with a drop-in opportunity during this time.

The next scheduled meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Management Committee will be on 7th March 2018, although depending on feedback from the consultation there may be other informal sessions notified in February.

Attached is a summary flyer for information.

Yours faithfully

Ian Looker
Town Clerk



The Portland Plan

Consultation Period 28th Nov 2017 ~ 12th Jan 2018

Tophill				Underhill			
Day	Date	Venue	Times	Day	Date	Venue	Times
				Thursday	14th Dec	Osprey Leisure	9am-12 noon
Friday	15th Dec	Tophill Library	5pm- 8pm				
				Saturday	16th Dec	St Johns Hall	10am-1pm
Thursday	28th Dec	Tophill Library	10am – 12 noon				
January							
Tuesday	2nd Jan	Tophill Library	2.30pm – 4.30pm				
Thursday	4th Jan	Tophill Library	1.30pm -4pm	Thursday	4th Jan	Osprey Leisure	9am -12 noon
Saturday	6th Jan	Tesco Foyer	10am- 1pm	Friday	5th Jan	Chesil Beach Centre	11am-2pm
				Monday	8th Jan	St Johns Hall	10am-1pm
				Tuesday	9th Jan	Osprey Leisure	3pm – 5pm
Wednesday	10th Jan	St Andrews Hall	6pm – 8pm				
				Thursday	11th Jan	Chesil Beach Centre	11am- 2pm
				Friday	12th Jan	Outpost, Fortuneswell	5pm – 7pm

Neighbourhood Plan Informal Consultation Phase

We are currently consulting on the draft Neighbourhood Plan to inform the next formal stages to be taken forward during 2018. The consultation period is from the 28th November 2017 to 12th January 2018. The calendar shows the remaining sessions from the 12th December 2017.

The Plan sets out local land use policies for Portland to help realise the Vision, Aims and Objectives that have been the subject of extensive consultation with the community.

Policies cover Environment, Business and Employment, Housing, Transport, Shopping and Services, Community Recreation and Sustainable Tourism and provide more detailed local policies to complement those in the Local Development Plan including the Local Plan and the Minerals and Waste Plan.

We are seeking your comments on the Plan and its policies both at a general level and to specific questions (sq) which will help guide the Plan further.

The draft Plan will be available on our website www.portlandplan.org.uk, alternatively we have arranged a number of drop in events, as set out below, at which we will explain how you may contribute to the consultation or alternatively a full set of the information will be available at the following locations during their opening hours:

- Osprey Leisure Centre, Castletown
- Tophill Library, Easton
- Portland Town Council Offices, Easton

For further information please email info@portlandplan.org.uk or leave an enquiry form at the above locations.

Vision and Aims

West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan

- A Vision for Portland

“In 2031, Portland:

- has maintained and enhanced the unique character of the island in terms of its built and natural assets, whilst thriving economically and socially for the benefit of residents and visitors
- is the home of specialist maritime industries and other growth sectors that benefit from its unique location, providing it with a good supply of well-paid jobs that benefit the local community and wider area. Portland Port will have maintained and expanded its role as a port of national and international importance as a location for sustainable job creation
- has a broad tourist offer including activity based on sustainable tourism such as water sports, climbing, walking and bird watching that capitalises on its unique location
- has reduced the levels of multiple deprivation and has good education and skills provision”

Portland Economic Vision Group -Vision

“Drawing upon our key strengths, the island will be a leader in innovative business, destination development, maritime services and low carbon technologies, connecting its residents and businesses to more opportunities, and providing an ideal environment to grow, start and locate a business. Portland will be a leading player in the thriving Western Dorset Growth Corridor and to the UK.”

Policy Reference	Subject Area	Information (Specific Questions are marked by “sq” - for more details see Consultation Booklet)
Environment		
Port EN/1	Prevention of Flooding and Erosion	Summarises the key issues which face the Island including a specific question concerning areas of flood risk (sq)
Port EN/2	Protecting Natural Resources and Assets	Supports the desire expressed by the community to become more self sustaining
Port EN/3	Renewable Energy Development	Builds on EN2 and the concept of ‘Energy Island’ and proposes specific requirements for wind energy in particular (sq)
Port EN/4	Portland Quarries Nature Park (QNP)	Supports the development of the QNP but asks a specific question about the nature of how this can be extended (sq)
Port EN/5	Re-Use of Redundant Mines and Quarries	Encourages a more active approach to land use which could support earlier restoration
Port EN/6	Local Heritage Assets	Reinforces local aspirations to value and protect our heritage estate
Port EN/7	Historic Jetties	Proposes an active approach to conserving the jetties on the East Coast (sq)
Port EN/8	Built Up Area	Proposes adjustments to the built-up area boundaries to reflect recent changes and further other policies with the Neighbourhood Plan (sq)
Port EN/9	Design and Character	Sets local design criteria to reinforce local character of settlement areas
Port EN/10	The Verne	Facilitates the positive re-use of redundant buildings at the Verne
Port EN/11	Public Realm	Encourages improvement to the public realm from developer contributions
Business and Employment		
Port BE/1	Protecting Existing Employment Sites	Places a time restraint and test in order to protect business sites
Port BE/2	Upgrading of Existing Employment Sites	Encourages improvements to existing business sites
Port BE/3	New Business Premises	Supports new business development in appropriate locations
Port BE/4	New Business Centres	Encourage innovation hubs
Port BE/5	Working From Home	Support alterations to enable home-working
Port BE/6	Northern Arc	Encourage a comprehensive planning approach to the Osprey Quay, Castletown, Portland Port areas
Port BE/7	Training and Further Education	Support local training initiatives
Housing		
Port HS/1	Housing Mix and Types	Ensure housing development addresses local needs
Port HS/2	Self Build and Community Housing Assets	Supports these initiatives which are currently not recognised in the Local Plan
Port HS/3	Second Homes	Introduces an occupancy test on new development (sq)
Port HS/4	Hardy Block	A contingent policy in the event that the planning for this block does not proceed (sq)
Transport		
Port TR/1	Improving Public Transport	Encourages improvements to the public transport network (sq)
Port TR/2	Improving the Transport Infrastructure	Supports measures to reduce congestion and improve road safety (sq)
Port TR/3	Reducing Parking Problems	Requires new development to provide adequate car parking and proposes the concept of village car parks(sq)
Port TR/4	Increasing Transport Links	Encourages creation of good cycling and walking routes
Shopping		
Port SS/1	Local Shops and Services	Protects local shopping and service centres and the encourage the designation of Easton as a ‘district centre’
Port SS/3	Reinforcing Local Centres	Encourages development in the interest of making centres more vibrant (sq)
Community Recreation		
Port CR/1	Protecting Recreation Spaces	Protects recreational buildings and land (sq)
Port CR/2	Local Green Spaces	Protects local green spaces which have a recognised community support (sq)
Port CR/3	Allotments	Safeguards the overall provision of allotments across the Island
Port CR/4	Sites of Open Space Values	Safeguards amenity spaces in housing estates to alleviate incremental damage (sq)
Port CR/5	New Community Facilities	Encourages new facilities for young people
Port CR/6	Community and Visitor Events	Supports community and visitor events of a more substantive nature
Sustainable Tourism		
Port ST/1	Sustainable Tourism Development	Encourages a structured approach to tourism development (sq)
Port ST/2	Beach Huts	Updates planning guidance last issued in 2006 into a formal policy (sq)
Port ST/3	Tourist Trails	Proposes a number of trails which would assist with their development/protection
Port ST/4	Marine Berths for Tourism	Supports the provision of more marine berths