



Dorset Council

Date: Thursday, 12 October 2023
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

All members of Dorset Council are requested to attend this meeting of the Full Council.

Chief Executive: Matt Prosser, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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A period of 30 minutes is allocated for the Public Participation Period.

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each Full Council meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via Microsoft Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the Full Council meeting this will be circulated to all members in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes of the meeting for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below. Further information on the Public Participation Period can be found in the Council's Constitution [Part 2 Rules of Procedure - Council and Committee Procedure Rules.pdf \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

The full text of the question or statement must be received by

8.30am on Monday 9 October 2023. All submissions must be emailed to susan.dallison@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

When submitting your question or statement please note that:

- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement to each meeting.
- A question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question, any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- When submitting your question please indicate who the question is for (e.g. the name of the Portfolio Holder).
- Include your full name, address and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- Questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- All questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

Full Council– 12 October 2023 Public Participation

1. Question from Edd Moore Damers Eco Crew. (Edd Moore, Eco Coordinator)

We have been campaigning with support from DTAG and Sustrans for a safe cycle route/lane between Dorchester and Poundbury for the past 12 months. This was something that was promised by Dorset Council and The Duchy in 2017 but sadly hasn't happened.

We have the support of Jason Bowerman, Estate Manager at the Duchy who wants to get round a table with everyone to get the wheels in motion for this project.

We put a questionnaire together and found:

- 81% said they would use the route other than the school run.
- 72% said they would use a cycle lane to get to Poundbury

We wrote a letter to Chris Peck, Head of Highways who at first dismissed the idea saying Poundbury and Dorchester were in a better position than most towns and cities in Dorset thanks to the environmental work of our school. They were focusing on Bournemouth and Ferndown where they could make a difference with bigger impact.

We wrote back to Chris and eventually he agreed to a meeting to discuss the route during May Half Term but only with Mr Moore, Eco Coordinator and DTAG.

From this meeting with Chris Peck Mr Moore told us it could take 5 - 10 years to complete depending on funding, when it becomes available. We will all be at University by the time it might be ready to use.

It was agreed that the Dorchester War Memorial to Dorchester West Station Bridge would be the first phase. Phase 2 from Bridge to Damers First School, then Phase 3 to Monkey Jump Roundabout. Phase 1 needs to go through Public Consultation first.

All these phases will support other cycle routes and lanes within the town and afar too connecting up cycle lanes/routes that are in place or could be in place.

We have been measuring the air quality around our school and neighbouring roads with Sustrans over the last 4 weeks to add more evidence to our case.

We do not want to wait 5 - 10 years to have a safe cycle lane/route that was already promised to Damers First School, local schools, Dorchester and Poundbury in 2017. We have already waited 6 years!

Why can't there be a safe cycle lane/route from Dorchester Town to Poundbury built in the next 12 months?

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