

Community Governance Review  
Second Stage Consultation

**Consultation Response Report**

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<b>What was the consultation about?</b>	<p>Dorset Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review of all the parishes within the Council area.</p> <p>This Review relates to the whole of the Dorset Council area and gives consideration to changes to parish areas and parish electoral arrangements. These changes include the alteration, merging, creation and abolishing of parishes; the naming of parishes, and the adoption of an alternative style for new parishes. They may also involve changes to the council size (the number of councillors to be elected to the council), and whether to divide the parishes into wards for the purposes of elections.</p> <p>On 5 August 2021, the Council commenced a 12-week period of consultation requesting initial submissions from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils, Members of Parliament, existing parish councils, local residents and other interested organisations – the consultation closed on 28 October 2021.</p> <p>The Dorset Council Group Leaders and their deputies met as a working group and have given careful consideration to all submissions received. They have also taken into consideration the analytical work undertaken to determine where electoral equality is no longer met, or will not be met in 2026 (the period that has to be taken into account for the purpose of the review) and have considered obvious boundary anomalies that need resolving.</p> <p>The working group has made Draft Recommendations that comprise a series of proposals, but do not reference parishes where no changes were proposed during the consultation period and where the working group consider that no changes are required to facilitate improved community governance.</p> <p>Following the resolution of Full Council, a period of 12 weeks' consultation was undertaken between 28 February 2022 and 23 May 2022. This consultation stage provided parish councils, electors and other interested persons or bodies with an opportunity to make the case for alternative proposals to those recommended to Full Council</p>
<b>What did we need to find out</b>	<p>The review must make a series of recommendations based on the following topics, some of which are dependent upon and relate to each other.</p>

	<p><b>Parish Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ creating, merging and abolishing parishes;</li> <li>~ alternative styles for any new parishes;</li> <li>~ lesser boundary alterations between existing parishes;</li> <li>~ changes to parish names;</li> <li>~ grouping parishes under a common council.</li> </ul> <p><b>Electoral Arrangements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~whether to have a parish council or not;</li> <li>~the size of the council;</li> <li>~whether to ward the parish or not;</li> <li>~drawing up appropriate ward boundaries;</li> <li>~allocating councillors to wards.</li> </ul> <p>This survey was structured to get input on the 53 specific recommendations.</p>
<b>Over what period did the consultation run?</b>	The consultation period ran from 28 February 2022 to midnight on the 23 May 2022.
<b>What consultation methods were used?</b>	<p>The consultation involved an online and paper consultation survey. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online survey. This included set questions and a free text section for people to add any other comments.</li> <li>• Paper surveys available from the 23 Dorset Council libraries.</li> </ul> <p>Respondents could attach details of their alternative proposals if they wished.</p>
<b>How many responses were received overall?</b>	411 overall responses were received. 88.1% of responses were from individuals and 11.9% from organisations. 48 said they represented an organisation and 44 of those were their official response.
<b>How representative is the response to the wider population?</b>	The response size is reasonable for a council consultation of this type, and very similar to the first phase consultation. As this was an open survey it is not possible to define a statistically valid sample size.
<b>Where will the results be published?</b>	Results will be published on the council's website <a href="http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk">www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</a>
<b>How will the results be used?</b>	<p>The results from this consultation will analysed and reported on separately to this report.</p> <p>On 14 July 2022, Full Council will consider its Final Recommendations in this Review, which will form the basis of a new Dorset Council (Parish Areas and Electoral Arrangements) Order. The Council intends that this order will be in place in good time for the next ordinary elections for the parish councils scheduled for 2024.</p>
<b>Who has produced this report?</b>	Mark Simons Consultation Officers, Dorset Council June, 2022

## Note

Note this report looks at the wider responses from the public, and which organisations generally responded to the proposals. It is not intended to consider the detailed content of submissions and this will be considered separately.

Any “out of format” responses will be considered by the Community Governance review team when they look at the detailed proposals.

# Background

## The consultation explained:

“At its meeting on 15 July 2021, Dorset Council resolved that a Community Governance Review be conducted for the whole of the Dorset Council area. The guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2008) recommends that principal councils should undertake a review of its area every 10-15 years.

For some areas of the Council, a review has not been undertaken for some time and, following the creation of Dorset Council, it is deemed appropriate to undertake a Review of all parishes within its area. The Review is a legal process whereby the Council will consult with those living in the area, and other interested parties, on the most suitable ways of representing the people in the area identified in the review and thus have a say in how their local communities are represented.

## Recommendations

There are 53 separate recommendations open for comments and you could also make alternative proposals. They included:

**Arne** (Rec 1)

**Bere Regis** (Rec 2)

**Blandford Forum** (affecting Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary, Bryanston, Pimperne, Tarrant Monkton, Tarrant Launceston, Langton Long) (Rec 3)

**Bridport** (affecting Bridport, Allington, Symondsburys, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock) (Rec 4)

**Broadmayne and West Knighton** (affecting Broadmayne, West Knighton) (Rec 5)

**Cerne Valley** (affecting Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone, Nether Cerne, Up Cerne) (Rec 6)

**Char Valley** (affecting Chideock, Charmouth, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonorum, Wootton Fitzpaine, Catherston Leweston) (Rec 7)

**Charminster** (Rec 8)

**Charmouth** (Rec 9)

**Chesil Bank** ( affecting Abbotsbury, Fleet, Langton Herring, Portesham) (Rec 10)

**Chetnole and Stockwood** (affecting Chetnole, Stockwood) (Rec 11)

**Chickerell** (also see Weymouth – Recommendation No.47) (Rec 12)

**Chideock** ( Chideock, Symondsburys, (also see Char Valley – Recommendation No. 7) (Rec 13)

**Colehill and Holt** (affecting Colehill, Holt) (Rec 14)

**Compton Abbas** (affecting Compton Abbas, Melbury Abbas, Fontmell Magna) (Rec 15)

**Corfe Mullen** (Rec 16)

**Dorchester** (Rec 17)

**Evershot** (affecting Evershot, Holywell, Melbury Bubb, Frome St Quintin) (Rec18)

**Frome Valley** (affecting Cattistock, Chilfrome, Frome St Quintin) (Rec 19)

**Gillingham** (affecting Gillingham, East Stour) ( Rec 20)

**Highstoy** (affecting Batcombe, Hermitage, Hilfield) (Rec 21)

**Hilton** (affecting Hilton, Ansty, Stoke Wake, Melcombe Horsey, Melcombe Bingham) (Rec 22)

**Iwerne Courtney and Steepleton** (affecting Iwerne Courtney, Steepleton) (Rec 23)

**Knightsford** (affecting Tincleton, West Knighton, West Stafford, Woodsford) (Rec 24)

**Long Bredy and Kingston Russell** (affecting Long Bredy, Kingston Russell) (Rec 25)

**Lower Winterbourne** (affecting Anderson, Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston) (Rec 26)

**Lyme Regis** (Rec 27)  
**Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch** (affecting Maiden Newton, Frome Vauchurch) (Rec 28)  
**Netherbury** (affecting Netherbury, Symondsbery) (Rec 29)  
**Owermoigne and Osmington** (affecting Owermoigne,Osmington) (Rec 30)  
**Portland** (Rec 31)  
**Puddletown** (affecting Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown, Tolpuddle) (Rec 32)  
**Queen Thorne** (affecting Nether Compton, Over Compton, Sandford Orcas, Trent) (Rec 33)  
**Shaftesbury** (Rec 34)  
**Shipton Gorge** (affecting Shipton Gorge, Loders) (Rec 35)  
**South Tarrant Valley** (affecting Tarrant Crawford, Tarrant Keyneston, Tarrant Rawston, Tarrant Rushton) (Rec 36)  
**St Leonards and St Ives** (affecting St Leonards, St Ives) (Rec 37)  
**The Comptons, Toller and Wynford** (affecting Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton, Wynford Eagle) (Rec 38)  
**The Orchards and Margaret Marsh** (affecting East Orchard, Margaret Marsh, West Orchard) (Rec 39)  
**The Stours** (affecting East Stour, Stour Provost, Todber, West Stour) (Rec 40)  
**Thornhackett** (affecting Beer Hackett, Thornford) (Rec 41)  
**Upper Marshwood Vale** (affecting Bettiscombe, Marshwood, Pilsdon, Stoke Abbott) (Rec 42)  
**Vale of Allen** (affecting Critchel, Gussage All Saints, Gussage St Michael, Hinton, Witchampton) (Rec 43)  
**Verwood** (Rec 44)  
**West Moors** (Rec45)  
**West Parley** (Rec 46)  
**Weymouth** (affecting Weymouth, Chickerell, Winterborne Farringdon) (Rec 47)  
**Wimborne Minster** (affecting Wimborne Minster, Pamphill, Shapwick) (Rec 48)  
**Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton** (affecting Winterbourne Abbas, Winterbourne Steepleton) (Rec 49)  
**Winterborne Farringdon** (affecting Bincombe, Whitcombe, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 50)  
**Winterborne St Martin** (affecting Winterborne St Martin, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 51)  
**Wool and Bovington** (affecting Wool, Bovington) (Rec 52)  
**Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca** (affecting Yetminster,Ryme Intrinseca) (Rec 53)

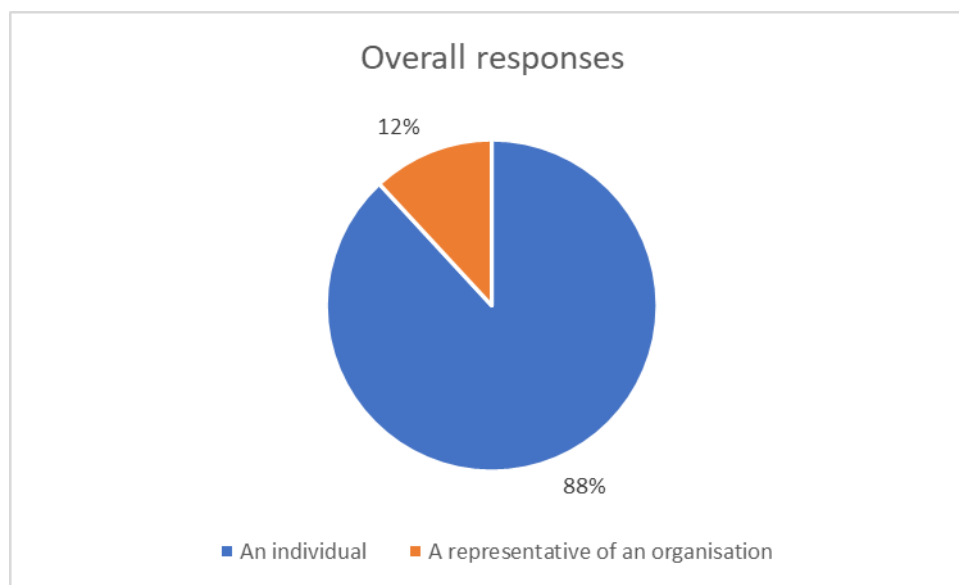
## About respondents

411 overall responses were received. All included the basis on which they were replying

**Q Are you responding as:**

**Respondents (411):**

	% of all respondents	Number
An individual	88.1%	356
A representative of an organisation	11.9%	48



88% of respondents were responding as individuals. Other responses came on behalf of organisations (12%). 44 of the 48 organisational responses said they gave the official response of the organisation. However, there were a few cases where more than one response came from an organisation. This was where either, the organisation had done a further response suggesting alternative proposals for an existing or other areas, provided additional information, or a paper/email copy had also been submitted to ensure their response was captured.



Taking account of repeat responses etc shows there were 33 official organisational responses to the consultation. These organisations were listed below.

What's the name of the organisation you represent?
Allington Parish Council
Blandford Forum Town Council
Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council
Bradpole Parish Council
Bridport Town Council
Broadmayne Parish Council
Bryanston Parish Council
Burton Bradstock Parish Council
Charminster Parish Council
Chesil Bank Parish Council
Chickerell Town Council
Colehill Parish Council
Durweston Parish Council
Frome Valley Parish Council
Frome Vauchurch Parish Meeting
Furzehill Residents Association
Hilton Parish Council
Holt Parish Council
Knightsford Parish Council
Long Bredy & Kingston Russell Parish Council
Lyme Regis Town Council
Maiden Newton Parish Council
Melcombe Horsey Parish Meeting
Pamphill and Shapwick Parish Council
Pimperne Parish Council
Pimperne Village Hall Management Committee
Shaftesbury Town Council
South Tarrant Valley Parish Council
Thornhackett Parish Council
Vale of Allen Parish Council
Weymouth Town Council
Wimborne Minster Town Council
Winterborne Farringdon Parish Council

Seven of the organisations represented were Town Councils, 23 were Parish Councils, one Parish Meeting, one Residents Association and one Village Hall Management Committee.

Four respondents said they represented an organisation but said that they were not providing their official response.

## Responses

The following table shows the number of responses from individuals and organisations to each proposal. Individuals and organisations could respond on more than one proposal. No individual analysis is provided here as each individual response will be considered and analysed separately by Democratic Services Officers.

Number of organisational responses (all) on these proposals	Number of individual responses on these proposals	Proposal
0	0	<b>Arne</b> (Rec 1)
0	0	<b>Bere Regis</b> (Rec 2)
6	22	<b>Blandford Forum</b> (affecting Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary, Bryanston, Pimperne, Tarrant Monkton, Tarrant Launceston, Langton Long) (Rec 3)
10	57	<b>Bridport</b> (affecting Bridport, Allington, Symondsburry, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock) (Rec 4)
2	6	<b>Broadmayne and West Knighton</b> (affecting Broadmayne, West Knighton) (Rec 5)
0	0	<b>Cerne Valley</b> (affecting Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone, Nether Cerne, Up Cerne) (Rec 6)
0	0	<b>Char Valley</b> (affecting Chideock, Charmouth, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonicorum, Wootton Fitzpaine, Catherston Leweston) (Rec 7)
1	1	<b>Charminster</b> (Rec 8)
0	0	<b>Charmouth</b> (Rec 9)
3	21	<b>Chesil Bank</b> ( affecting Abbotsbury, Fleet, Langton Herring, Portesham) (Rec 10)
0	0	<b>Chetnole and Stockwood</b> (affecting Chetnole, Stockwood) (Rec 11)
2	76	<b>Chickerell</b> (also see Weymouth – Recommendation No. 47) (Rec 12)
0	0	<b>Chideock</b> ( Chideock, Symondsburry, (also see Char Valley – Recommendation No. 7) (Rec 13)
6	86	<b>Colehill and Holt</b> (affecting Colehill, Holt) (Rec 14)
0	0	<b>Compton Abbas</b> (affecting Compton Abbas, Melbury Abbas, Fontmell Magna) (Rec 15)
0	1	<b>Corfe Mullen</b> (Rec 16)
0	1	<b>Dorchester</b> (Rec 17)
0	0	<b>Evershot</b> (affecting Evershot, Holywell, Melbury Bubb, Frome St Quintin) (Rec 18)
1	1	<b>Frome Valley</b> (affecting Cattistock, Chilfrome, Frome St Quintin) (Rec 19)
0	1	<b>Gillingham</b> (affecting Gillingham, East Stour) ( Rec 20)
0	0	<b>Highstoy</b> (affecting Batcombe, Hermitage, Hilfield) (Rec 21)
3	0	<b>Hilton</b> (affecting Hilton, Ansty, Stoke Wake, Melcombe Horsey, Melcombe Bingham) (Rec 22)
0	1	<b>Iwerne Courtney and Steepleton</b> (affecting Iwerne Courtney, Steepleton) (Rec 23)
0	1	<b>Knightsford</b> (affecting Tincton, West Knighton, West Stafford, Woodsford) (Rec 24)

1	2	<b>Long Bredy and Kingston Russell</b> (affecting Long Bredy, Kingston Russell) (Rec 25)
0	9	<b>Lower Winterbourne</b> (affecting Anderson, Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston) (Rec 26)
1	2	<b>Lyme Regis</b> (Rec 27)
3	1	<b>Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch</b> (affecting Maiden Newton, Frome Vauchurch) (Rec 28)
0	1	<b>Netherbury</b> (affecting Netherbury, Symondsbury) (Rec 29)
0	0	<b>Owermoigne and Osmington</b> (affecting Owermoigne, Osmington) (Rec 30)
0	0	<b>Portland</b> (Rec 31)
0	3	<b>Puddletown</b> (affecting Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown, Tolpuddle) (Rec 32)
0	0	<b>Queen Thorne</b> (affecting Nether Compton, Over Compton, Sandford Orcas, Trent) (Rec 33)
1	1	<b>Shaftesbury</b> (Rec 34)
0	0	<b>Shipton Gorge</b> (affecting Shipton Gorge, Loders) (Rec 35)
1	0	<b>South Tarrant Valley</b> (affecting Tarrant Crawford, Tarrant Keyneston, Tarrant Rawston, Tarrant Rushton) (Rec 36)
0	2	<b>St Leonards and St Ives</b> (affecting St Leonards, St Ives) (Rec 37)
0	1	<b>The Comptons, Toller and Wynford</b> (affecting Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton, Wynford Eagle) (Rec 38)
0	0	<b>The Orchards and Margaret Marsh</b> (affecting East Orchard, Margaret Marsh, West Orchard) (Rec 39)
0	2	<b>The Stours</b> (affecting East Stour, Stour Provost, Todber, West Stour) (Rec 40)
1	3	<b>Thornhackett</b> (affecting Beer Hackett, Thornford) (Rec 41)
0	0	<b>Upper Marshwood Vale</b> (affecting Bettiscombe, Marshwood, Pilsdon, Stoke Abbott) (Rec 42)
2	5	<b>Vale of Allen</b> (affecting Critchel, Gussage All Saints, Gussage St Michael, Hinton, Witchampton) (Rec 43)
0	1	<b>Verwood</b> (Rec 44)
0	1	<b>West Moors</b> (Rec 45)
0	0	<b>West Parley</b> (Rec 46)
3	69	<b>Weymouth</b> (affecting Weymouth, Chickerell, Winterborne Farringdon) (Rec 47)
3	16	<b>Wimborne Minster</b> (affecting Wimborne Minster, Pamphill, Shapwick) (Rec 48)
0	0	<b>Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton</b> (affecting Winterbourne Abbas, Winterbourne Steepleton) (Rec 49)
1	0	<b>Winterborne Farringdon</b> (affecting Bincombe, Whitcombe, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 50)
0	0	<b>Winterborne St Martin</b> (affecting Winterborne St Martin, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 51)
0	1	<b>Wool and Bovington</b> (affecting Wool, Bovington) (Rec 52)
0	0	<b>Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca</b> (affecting Yetminster, Ryme Intrinseca) (Rec 53)

The main recommendations commented on were Colehill and Holt, Chickerell, Weymouth and Bridport. Twenty of the recommendations received no comments.

## Alternative Proposals

Alternative proposals were provided by respondents for a range of the recommendations made. The proposals receiving the most alternative proposals submitted were: Colehill and Holt, Weymouth, Wimborne Minster, Chesil Bank, Chickerell and Bridport. These are shown in the table below.

Number of responses on these proposals	Proposal
0	<b>Arne</b> (Rec 1)
0	<b>Bere Regis</b> (Rec 2)
1	<b>Blandford Forum</b> (affecting Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary, Bryanston, Pimperne, Tarrant Monkton, Tarrant Launceston, Langton Long) (Rec 3)
9	<b>Bridport</b> (affecting Bridport, Allington, Symondsburly, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole, Burton Bradstock) (Rec 4)
3	<b>Broadmayne and West Knighton</b> (affecting Broadmayne, West Knighton) (Rec 5)
0	<b>Cerne Valley</b> (affecting Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone, Nether Cerne, Up Cerne) (Rec 6)
0	<b>Char Valley</b> (affecting Chideock, Charmouth, Stanton St Gabriel, Whitchurch Canonorum, Wootton Fitzpaine, Catherston Leweston) (Rec 7)
0	<b>Charminster</b> (Rec 8)
0	<b>Charmouth</b> (Rec 9)
10	<b>Chesil Bank</b> ( affecting Abbotsbury, Fleet, Langton Herring, Portesham) (Rec 10)
0	<b>Chetnole and Stockwood</b> (affecting Chetnole, Stockwood) (Rec 11)
10	<b>Chickerell</b> (also see Weymouth – Recommendation No.47) (Rec 12)
0	<b>Chideock</b> ( Chideock, Symondsburly, (also see Char Valley – Recommendation No. 7) (Rec 13)
18	<b>Colehill and Holt</b> (affecting Colehill, Holt) (Rec 14)
0	<b>Compton Abbas</b> (affecting Compton Abbas, Melbury Abbas, Fontmell Magna) (Rec 15)
0	<b>Corfe Mullen</b> (Rec 16)
0	<b>Dorchester</b> (Rec 17)
0	<b>Evershot</b> (affecting Evershot, Holywell, Melbury Bubb, Frome St Quintin) (Rec 18)
1	<b>Frome Valley</b> (affecting Cattistock, Chilfrome, Frome St Quintin) (Rec 19)
0	<b>Gillingham</b> (affecting Gillingham, East Stour) ( Rec 20)
0	<b>Highstoy</b> (affecting Batcombe, Hermitage, Hilfield) (Rec 21)
0	<b>Hilton</b> (affecting Hilton, Ansty, Stoke Wake, Melcombe Horsey, Melcombe Bingham) (Rec 22)
0	<b>Iwerne Courtney and Steepleton</b> (affecting Iwerne Courtney, Steepleton) (Rec 23)

1	<b>Knightsford</b> (affecting Tincton, West Knighton, West Stafford, Woodsford) (Rec 24)
2	<b>Long Bredy and Kingston Russell</b> (affecting Long Bredy, Kingston Russell) (Rec 25)
0	<b>Lower Winterbourne</b> (affecting Anderson, Winterborne Kingston, Winterborne Zelston) (Rec 26)
0	<b>Lyme Regis</b> (Rec 27)
2	<b>Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch</b> (affecting Maiden Newton, Frome Vauchurch) (Rec 28)
0	<b>Netherbury</b> (affecting Netherbury, Symondsbury) (Rec 29)
0	<b>Owermoigne and Osmington</b> (affecting Owermoigne, Osmington) (Rec 30)
1	<b>Portland</b> (Rec 31)
0	<b>Puddletown</b> (affecting Athelhampton, Burleston, Puddletown, Tolpuddle) (Rec 32)
0	<b>Queen Thorne</b> (affecting Nether Compton, Over Compton, Sandford Orcas, Trent) (Rec 33)
0	<b>Shaftesbury</b> (Rec 34)
0	<b>Shipton Gorge</b> (affecting Shipton Gorge, Loders) (Rec 35)
0	<b>South Tarrant Valley</b> (affecting Tarrant Crawford, Tarrant Keyneston, Tarrant Rawston, Tarrant Rushton) (Rec 36)
0	<b>St Leonards and St Ives</b> (affecting St Leonards, St Ives) (Rec 37)
0	<b>The Comptons, Toller and Wynford</b> (affecting Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton, Wynford Eagle) (Rec 38)
0	<b>The Orchards and Margaret Marsh</b> (affecting East Orchard, Margaret Marsh, West Orchard) (Rec 39)
0	<b>The Stours</b> (affecting East Stour, Stour Provost, Todber, West Stour) (Rec 40)
1	<b>Thornhackett</b> (affecting Beer Hackett, Thornford) (Rec 41)
0	<b>Upper Marshwood Vale</b> (affecting Bettiscombe, Marshwood, Pilsdon, Stoke Abbott) (Rec 42)
2	<b>Vale of Allen</b> (affecting Critchel, Gussage All Saints, Gussage St Michael, Hinton, Witchampton) (Rec 43)
0	<b>Verwood</b> (Rec 44)
1	<b>West Moors</b> (Rec 45)
0	<b>West Parley</b> (Rec 46)
16	<b>Weymouth</b> (affecting Weymouth, Chickerell, Winterborne Farringdon) (Rec 47)
11	<b>Wimborne Minster</b> (affecting Wimborne Minster, Pamphill, Shapwick) (Rec 48)
0	<b>Winterbourne Abbas and Winterbourne Steepleton</b> (affecting Winterbourne Abbas, Winterbourne Steepleton) (Rec 49)
0	<b>Winterborne Farringdon</b> (affecting Bincombe, Whitcombe, Winterborne Came, Winterborne Herringston, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 50)
0	<b>Winterborne St Martin</b> (affecting Winterborne St Martin, Winterborne Monkton) (Rec 51)
0	<b>Wool and Bovington</b> (affecting Wool, Bovington) (Rec 52)
0	<b>Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca</b> (affecting Yetminster, Ryme Intrinseca) (Rec 53)

37 recommendations did not receive any alternative proposals.

## General Comments

118 additional comments were made, and these will be considered during the separate detailed analysis of each suggestion.

## Diversity information

Diversity information was collected from all those responding to the consultation as individuals rather than as an organisation. The information is summarised below:

### Age

Age band	%
Under 18	0.0%
18 - 24	1.2%
25 - 34	3.3%
35 - 44	5.4%
45 - 54	8.9%
55 - 64	22.9%
65 or over	48.8%
Prefer not to say	9.5%

### Gender

Gender	%
Male	51.6%
Female	40.9%
Prefer to self describe	0.0%
Prefer not to say	7.5%

### Disability

With a disability	%
Yes	6.9%
No	84.4%

Prefer not to say	8.7%
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Disability ( if specified)	%
Physical disability	39.1%
Learning disability / difficulty	4.3%
Long-standing illness or health condition	34.8%
Mental health condition	8.7%
Sensory impairment (hearing, Sight or both)	30.4%
Prefer not to say	8.7%
Other (please specify)	0.0%

### Ethnicity

Ethnic Group (where selected)	%
White British	83.0%
White Irish	1.5%
Any other White background	0.6%
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	0.3%
Mixed ethnic background - White and Asian	0.3%
Prefer not to say	12.8%
Any other ethnic group (please specify)	1.5%