

HOW CAN I HELP?

You can help us by engaging with the plan, attending public meetings and letting us know what you think.

We want to know your views on ...

- How we can best enhance our town environment.
- How we can maintain and encourage a vibrant and strong local economy.
- Whether our housing policies reflect the needs of the local population.
- How we can protect the rural setting of our town and our open vistas for future generations of locals and visitors.
- Whether we need to improve facilities and/or provide new ones.
- Which areas and which buildings need protection.
- How we can improve transport links both within our town and elsewhere.
- How we can protect green spaces and whether we need to provide more.

Please send your comments to the e-mail or website below or to the DNP Steering Group, c/o Dartmouth Town Council, Guildhall, Victoria Road, TQ6 9RY.

Please provide your name, contact e-mail and telephone number.

Your data will remain confidential as per the General Data Protection Regulations. For more information on this please see our website.

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A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR DARTMOUTH

We are fortunate to live in this vibrant and historic riverside town, within an area of outstanding natural beauty. Whilst we would all want our town to prosper, without a clear vision for the future, developments could occur that may not enhance our lovely environment or might even be to its detriment. Until recently concerned local residents have lacked the power to influence such events.

**BUT NOW WE ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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THE BACKGROUND TO THE PLAN

Thanks to the Localism Act of Parliament we all have a golden opportunity to influence our town's future - by developing our own **DARTMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**. This plan will lay out our vision for Dartmouth's future allowing us not only to own Dartmouth's future but also to have the legal weight to back it up.

Dartmouth forms a small part of the territory included in the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014-2034 which was approved in 2019. The Dartmouth Neighbourhood Plan is required to comply with the policies of the Local Plan. Dartmouth and its Conservation areas is largely contained within the larger South Devon AONB and is required to comply with the policies of the AONB.

Now we can choose to prevent those developments which impact negatively on our precious environment, whilst encouraging thoughtful, creative and positive developments that are in all of our best interests.

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

An Independent Steering Group has been formed to guide and manage the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. It has its own Terms of Reference agreed with Dartmouth Town Council.

A public survey was carried out in 2016. Its results and findings, further input from this exercise and possible further research which may be undertaken will all be taken into account when preparing the draft Plan. The Plan then needs to be approved by Dartmouth Town Council, South Hams District Council and by a Public Examiner before being finally put back to the whole community for a simple majority vote approval by referendum.

WHAT NEXT?

We need your views to help us draw up policies on a wide range of issues that will affect the lives of all Dartmouth residents for the next 20-30 years. Together we can propose ideas for a sustainable future for Dartmouth and its residents.

The scope of our plan is broad. It will include land use & development, housing & homes, employment & the economy, transport, parking & traffic, tourism, heritage & conservation, green spaces, environment & recreation and health & well-being.

To fully represent our community, we need to receive a wide range of views. We will commission new surveys and review any existing ones. There will be public meetings with the opportunity to raise and discuss important issues and proposals. With your help we can develop and refine policies which will result in a positive and sustainable future for Dartmouth.



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HAVE YOUR SAY...

Your comments and suggestions are critical, so that we can ensure the views of everyone are recognised in the Plan. The Plan should ideally ensure that all aspects of employment, commerce, retail, marine, housing, the environment and our local economy are properly considered.

YOU CAN HELP DECIDE THE PRIORITIES OF THE PLAN