

Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan

Vision Mission and Aims



Drawing upon the public response to the consultation in Dec 2020/Jan 2021 the Steering Group has endorsed a new Vision and Mission for Weymouth's Neighbourhood Plan reflecting the priorities indicated in the survey and identifying a set of 16 Aims to focus our efforts. These have been assembled into 5 theme groups and are intended to apply across the whole of Weymouth.

We welcome comments on this and will be reviewing the Vision, Mission and Aims as further feedback is provided by the community.

Our Vision:

By 2038, Weymouth will be a resilient coastal community with a diverse range of jobs and homes which meet the needs of residents for present generations without compromising the needs of future generations. The unique identities of our local neighbourhoods will be attractive to all age groups and will foster healthy and happy lifestyles.

Our Mission:

To create a stimulating, attractive, safe and accessible town and harbour where the unique coastal environment is celebrated. We will promote balanced developments that respect Weymouth's unique heritage and rural landscape, attract investment in our natural capital, and embraces creativity, technology and innovation for the community to thrive in a sustainable environment.

Neighbourhoods

Aim 1. Celebrate the unique character and culture of each local neighbourhood and respond to their needs to enable our policies to be applied in a sensitive way, relevant to the locality ensuring resilient sustainable communities for all ages.

Aim 2. Allocate sustainable sites for new homes and jobs which are within walking distance to town or a neighbourhood centre, thereby supporting local facilities, shops and services, promoting recreational activity and well-being.

Aim 3. Protect and enhance the distinctive historic character of the Conservation Areas within Weymouth and its many architecturally significant and listed buildings, streets, squares, open spaces and the wider public realm for their vital importance to the identity and heritage of the individual neighbourhoods and town as a whole.

Homes

Aim 4. Provide a broad mix of homes, which align with housing need and give priority to the needs of current and future residents and all parts of the community, with emphasis on social and affordable homes that reflect the character and appearance of the area.

Aim 5. Support and encourage the reuse of brownfield sites as well as community-led, self-build and innovative development schemes and tenancies as ways of achieving sustainable developments that are affordable for local residents.

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Jobs

Aim 6. Make Weymouth a more self-sufficient community and reduce commuting by preserving and enhancing employment provision for a diverse range of jobs, training and skills throughout the year.

Aim 7. Preserve and enhance Weymouth's unique built and cultural heritage (harbour side and beach front), maritime heritage, leisure and entertainment offering, recognising its needs as a desirable, year-round, visitor destination.

Aim 8. Encourage the creation of jobs and training that support independent enterprises and encourage creativity, technology, innovation, and green jobs as well as jobs that build on farming, food production, the coastal and maritime location.

Sustainable environments

Aim 9. Make step changes to ensure that all development by 2038 is net-zero carbon, making the best use of land, maximising the reuse of buildings and brownfield development.

Aim 10. Achieve the highest design standards for all new development, with a focus on energy conservation and each site generating a portion of on-site energy.

Aim 11. Reduce car movements and encourage sustainable transport modes in Local Neighbourhoods, particularly Weymouth's town centre, harbour and beach by implementing various traffic management measures.

Aim 12. Plan for a greater use of sustainable transport, by providing facilities for bikes, scooters and electric cars and boats such as charging points, cycle racks and comfortable bus stops, supporting projects that help travel in an environmentally friendly way and reviewing car parking standards if appropriate.

Landscape and green spaces

Aim 13. Preserve and enhance our unique environments and sustain distinctive landscapes, especially our coastal, marine, beaches, cliff tops, inland waterways, rivers, marshes, nature reserves and parks.

Aim 14. Increase the use of Weymouth's open spaces and community facilities for all ages and abilities by improving existing and creating new recreational amenities.

Aim 15. Reverse biodiversity loss, enhance engagement with nature, encourage biodiversity and habitat conservation and invest in our natural capital and our ecosystems to safeguard sustainable food production, ensuring protection from natural hazards and continued recreational activities.

Aim 16. Create an integrated network of green and blue infrastructure habitats, parks, waterways and nature trails between and through existing and new developments whilst providing safe walking and cycling routes.