

LYT-UP

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The Town Council Newsletter for Lytchett Minster & Upton

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Dorset's Local Plan and Housing Targets

The Government has set housing targets for each Local Authority, such as Dorset Council.

The target for Dorset is 50,000 extra homes over a 17 year period, double the number Dorset had already planned for.

On 18 August Dorset Council will publish its Local Plan containing proposals for where building should or might take place, including Green Belt land in our Town. Upton is unlikely to see any major development because it is heavily protected by Upton Heath on one side, a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and Poole Harbour on the other - building is prohibited near them.

However Lytchett Minster has no such protection and could be a site for a substantial development.

This, of course, will have a major impact on all residents should it come to fruition - traffic, the need for new schools, shops and a surgery as well as leisure and green space.

Our three Dorset Councillors, Cllr Steve Robinson, Cllr Andrew Starr and Cllr Mrs Alex Brenton will be organising a consultation about the plans which you will be able to see and comment on.

When the Town Council knows the date and venue we will advertise around the Town on our social media pages as well as local publications (if dates allow), noticeboards and our website.

Please watch out for the consultation because of the potential effects for all of us. It is vitally important that you make your views known to our Dorset Councillors and the Town Council.