

Dorset

Personal Details:

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Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name: Swanage Town Council (Representative of parish/town council)

Comment text:

Related subject: The Parish of Swanage, North and South Wards.

Please find attached an extract from the Meeting of the Swanage Town Council's Planning and Consultation Committee held on 30th March 2026 which sets out the Council's response to the consultation. Thank you.

Attached Documents:

- extract-30-march-2026-planning-and-consultation-committee-ward-boundaries-consultation.pdf

EXTRACT FROM:

Minutes of the Meeting of the **PLANNING AND CONSULTATION COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 30th MARCH 2026** at **7.00 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor P Burridge

Swanage Town Council

Councillor J Lejeune

Swanage Town Council

Councillor C Sutton

Swanage Town Council

Councillor C Tomes

Swanage Town Council

Councillor S Vile

Swanage Town Council

Also in attendance: -

Miss N Clark

Planning and Community Engagement Manager

1) Apologies

There were no apologies given for inability to attend the Meeting.

2) Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with Section 9 and Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations on this occasion.

Consultation

5) To note receipt of the following consultation document, and to determine the Council's preferred method of response, if any:

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It was reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had commenced a public consultation on ward boundaries for Dorset Council. Following receipt of responses, the Commission intended to publish its draft recommendations in September 2026, followed by a further period of consultation, with final recommendations expected in March 2027.

During the discussion, it was noted that the Commission was minded to recommend that 82 councillors should be elected to Dorset Council, representing no change from the current number of councillors, and was inviting proposals to help develop a pattern of wards to accommodate 82 councillors.

Members agreed that they did not wish to recommend any changes to the current ward boundaries or Dorset Councillor numbers for Swanage, two wards (Swanage North and Swanage South) and two Dorset Councillors. The Town Council would therefore respond to the consultation accordingly. All Town Councillors and members of the community were also encouraged to respond to the consultation individually.

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Personal Details:

Name: Nicola Clark

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Postcode: [REDACTED]

Organisation Name: Planning and Community Engagement Manager Swanage Town Council (Representative of parish/town council)

Comment text:

Dear LGBCE

The Town Council submitted its response to the above consultation on 2nd April 2026 - reference number 1169986. However, the response was not correctly worded and would request that the following amended text be used in place of the original comments:

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I have attached an extract from the Town Council's Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on 30th March 2026 at which the Council's response to the consultation was considered, which shows full details.

I look forward to receiving confirmation. Thank you.

Kind regards.

Niki

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