

Wimborne Civic Society 2019 Planning Report

During the year there have been over 600 Planning Applications in the Society's area of interest (which is largely in line with the BH21 Post Code Area). This is about 10% up on last year. We looked in detail at about one third of these, most of which were for extensions.

The year has seen the re-organisation of the councils in the area. Poole has joined with Bournemouth and Christchurch. While East Dorset has joined the rest of Dorset instead of Christchurch. So far we have not noticed any changes in the way the planning departments operate.

Work has started on the Minster Gate development along the Cranborne Road. The new Wimborne First School is supposed to be occupied in September and some houses have been built though there are reports that they are not selling very fast.

The Wyatts Cuthbury Estate plans have been approved but apart from some work to clear the site to the East of Julian's Road there has been no further sign of construction. The new allotments were provided after a long delay and are now productive.

The Parmitter Road developments, divided between three developers, are under way.

Again this year, many of the applications submitted have been for extensions and for infill or knocking down one property and replacing it with several others. We have raised objections to some of these at Furzehill, Milton Road, and Merley.

We are still concerned over the threat to the Green Belt separating Wimborne from the Poole – Bournemouth conurbation. It seems particularly perverse that Poole have approved large developments on the Green Belt at Bearwood while refusing a small scale application from Waggytails on the grounds that it is in the Green Belt. We have also supported the objections to the large proposed development on the Cruyton Farm proposal for 650 houses off Oakley Lane.

I would like to thank the other members of the planning committee, Stephen Protheroe and Minna Harvey for their work throughout the year. We do need new younger blood particularly with knowledge of the north of our area.

Through the coming year we will continue to scrutinise applications made in the area and review the plans of both Dorset Council and Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole as they settle in to their new alliances.

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