

FORM FOR PROPOSALS FOR DAPTC AGM

To be submitted by 12 noon Friday 30th September 2022

NAME OF COUNCILLyme Regis Town Council.....

Please note that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) requests this information and careful completion of the form will increase the chances of a proposal being accepted by NALC

1. Please give the motion your Council would like considered at the DAPTC AGM

Request that NALC lobby central government for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework to reduce the conflict and contradiction between Conservation's adherence to less effective standards, and Building Regulation's requirements to improved environmental and energy efficient insulation methods and materials, whilst respecting the value of listed buildings.

If approved, the resulting actions:

DAPTC to write to NALC to lobby central government for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Furthermore, write to Dorset Council to ask that they include provision to relax planning policy in favour of improved methods and materials for enhanced environmental performance of building works in their Local Plan and heritage assets across the county.

2. Please give the reason (as thoroughly as possible) why your Council is submitting this motion.

Lyme Regis was one of the first councils to declare a climate emergency and there is an independent 'One Planet' working group established to look at measures which can be taken at a local level to make a real contribution to reducing carbon emissions.

The town is keen to quantify and address its carbon footprint, but would obviously prefer to adopt a consistent approach with other places in Dorset. It is also clear that whilst the town council can take local measures to address local issues, many of the issues affecting a town like Lyme Regis can only be sensibly addressed at a more strategic level. For instance, in August alone, there are around 2/3m vehicle movements into and out of Lyme Regis, despite a resident population of less than 4,000.

On a related but separate issue, we are also keen to consider how the balance between planning and the environment may be looked at in a more flexible and imaginative way to improve building performance and reduce carbon emissions. We are particularly concerned that improving the environmental performance of historic and listed buildings, or buildings in Conservation Areas, often appears to be given a much lower priority than conserving features or using materials or designs whose intrinsic environmental performance may be poor.

This is a particular problem in communities like Lyme Regis where the number of listed buildings or the proportion of buildings within Conservation areas is exceptionally high.

The town council fully accepts the need to preserve the fundamental character and appearance of historic towns and villages and/or individual streets or buildings, It would, however, encourage

the maximum use of flexibilities and discretions within existing legislation to give greater weight and priority to the environmental performance of building works to older and listed buildings.

The town council would request that this issue is considered seriously by Dorset Council; particularly with the opportunities afforded by the introduction of a new Dorset Council-wide 'local' plan.

3. Please state how this issue is affecting parish and town councils in Dorset (with case study evidence please) and try not to duplicate answers from previous questions please.

See section 2

4. If you have information on how this issue is affecting parish and town councils nationally and why this is a national issue please give this and try not to duplicate answers from earlier questions please.

See above, to a greater or lesser extent.

5. If relevant, please tell us exactly what aspect of national parish policy your Council would like NALC to lobby Government on (with case study evidence please).

We more like national planning policy to give more weight to building regulation and energy performance considerations when determining planning application for heritage assets. This would give local authorities more confidence and flexibility to determining applications in favour of sensible energy-saving conservation

6. If you have the information, please tell us exactly which part of primary or secondary legislation (or secondary regulation/statutory instrument) your Council would like to be changed as a result of NALC/local lobbying.

See above

7. If relevant, please state what other action your Council would like NALC and its Policy Committee to take is this motion is adopted.

To lobby government

8. If you have the information, please confirm the names of any other organisation or local council that formally support your Council's motion.

If you have any supporting documents to be jointly considered with your Council's motion – please e-mail them with this form to DAPTC.