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Please note the following important information.

- **New applications:** We are currently taking 8 weeks to process new applications due to a significant increase in demand. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause and we will contact you within 8 weeks.

Helping our customers is our highest priority. We would appreciate your patience during this period which helps us focus on our workload. Please do bear with us during this time and we will contact you or your agent when we are at the next stage.

- **Comment on a planning application:** Comments must be processed through our online register. To submit your comments please go to: [Search and comment on planning applications - Dorset Council](#)

In line with the Council's agreed [Statement of Community Involvement](#), from 1 July onwards we will no longer be sending neighbour notification letters for planning applications, unless these are specifically required by legislation. All applications will continue to be publicised via site notices, and press notices will also be used where required by law. Details of all applications will still be published online, and we will continue to consult statutory organisations and town and parish councils.

- **Pre-application Or Permitted Development advice:** To get case officer advice please go to [Pre application advice - Dorset Council](#). To get Pre-application advice:

Whether you need to apply for planning permission will depend on a number of factors. These include:

- what you want to do
- where you want to do it
- the constraints on and around the site / property
- planning history at the site / property

You can access use the Planning Portal website to get advice on your permitted development rights and common projects for residential properties, such as extensions or loft conversions. The 'interactive house' is particularly helpful - <https://interactive.planningportal.co.uk/> You may also find [the GDPO visual guide](#) helpful

In addition to the Planning Portal, we offer an informal process which can tell you whether or not you will need planning permission. This is an informal application between the applicant and the council and will not be disclosed to anyone else and will not appear on our website. You will receive a written response, approximately within 4 weeks. The response is the informal opinion of a planning officer as to whether planning permission is required. It is not an application for Planning Permission.

The cost for Permitted development enquiries for householder proposals (e.g. extensions, garages, loft conversions) is £97.50 (inclusive of £16.25 VAT). Follow the link below for further details and how to apply.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/find-out-if-you-need-planning-permission/householder-permitted-development.aspx>