

NOTES on the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
TIME held on **MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER**
2003 in the Town Hall, Swanage at 7 o'clock p.m.

In addition to Members of the Council and officers,
9 members of the public attended the Meeting.

Councillor Miller (Town Mayor) welcomed those present, and invited questions from the audience.

MR. M. STOLLERY referred to the recent planning application to demolish the existing Havenhurst Hotel and erect 14 flats on the site at 3 Cranborne Road, Swanage. He noted the Town Council's observation to refuse the application and the concern expressed at the quality of the design and the material to be used, but felt that the Council's concern at the loss of another hotel should be recorded.

COUNCILLOR MRS. WHEELDON, Chair of the Planning Board at Purbeck District Council, explained that, whilst concern could be expressed at "the loss of another hotel", there was no legislation to prevent it.

COUNCILLOR TRITE also explained that if such an application was refused on "change of use" grounds, the decision would probably be overturned on Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate on the basis of "supply and demand of the market". Appeals of this nature usually proved costly, and resulted in an added burden on the local council taxpayer.

MR. STOLLERY acknowledged the information given, and then enquired whether, under the auspices of the Local Plan, tighter control could be exercised regarding the type of materials used for replacement buildings.
