

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Dr Martin Ayres
Town Clerk

Town Hall
SWANAGE
Dorset
BH19 2NZ

25th February 2025

Dear Councillor

Planning and Consultation Committee

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at the **TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, SWANAGE** on **MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2026** at **7.00 p.m.** for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned in the Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Dr M K Ayres

Town Clerk.

PLEASE NOTE: **15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME WILL BE HELD AT 7.00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING.**

To the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor,
Councillor Foster and Councillors
Burridge, Lejeune, Sutton, and Vile.
Copies to all Councillors and Chief Officers.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest and consideration of requests for Grants of Dispensations
(Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare their interests in accordance with Section 9 and Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct)

Planning

3. Plans for consideration (Schedule enclosed)
4. Applications for tree works - opportunity to raise any matters of concern

Consultation

5. To note receipt of the following consultation document, and to determine the Council's preferred method of response, if any:
 - a) Dorset Council - Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2027 Public Consultation
(Closing date for responses 15th April 2026)

For further information and to complete the online survey please visit:

- [Dorset Council Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2027 - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

b) Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Proposed Station Closures Public Consultation
(Closing date for responses 15th May 2026)

For further information and to complete the online survey please visit:

- [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Proposed station closures](#)
- [Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority Consultation](#)

6. Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas
7. Date of next meeting – Monday 30th March 2026

SWANAGE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2026

<u>Delegated Applications</u>		
1.	P/FUL/2026/00696	Swanage Conservation Area Salvation Army Hall, 54 High Street, Swanage, BH19 3HA Alterations to convert former Salvation Army Hall into two residential dwellings.
# 2.	P/FUL/2026/01009	Store, Burlington Chine, Swanage Convert existing storage area into two beach chalets, with double-opening doors and roller shutters.
* 3.	P/FUL/2026/01088	Swanage Conservation Area 28-36 Station Road Swanage BH19 1AF Remove existing redundant doors, set back from street. Replace with new glazing, flush with existing glazing along the street elevation.
4.	P/HOU/2026/00172	23 Priests Road, Swanage, BH19 2RG Retain fully panelled boundary fence
5.	P/HOU/2026/00564	Woodland Rise, Atlantic Road, Swanage, BH19 2EF Replacement windows to the existing dwelling, and conversion of ground floor garage to studio. New replacement garage/store.
<u>Appeal Information</u>		
* 6.	P/FUL/2025/03548	Notification of Appeal - Appeal Reference: 6005160 Land between 48-50 Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1AP Redevelop site with two attached (one pair of semi-detached) houses. Appeal start date: 17 th February 2026 An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision to refuse to grant planning permission by Dorset Council. The appeal will be determined on the basis of Written representations. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) regulations 2009, as amended. Any further representations you may wish to make must be received by 24 th March 2026.
<u>For information only</u>		
7.	P/CLP/2026/00594	Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed 4 Heather Close, Swanage, BH19 2QZ 4-metre rear extension, and internal remodelling.
* 8.	P/CLP/2026/00785	Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed 5 Beach Gardens, Swanage, BH19 1PG Single storey rear extension to dining and kitchen area. Amendments to windows and doors.

9.	P/CLP/2026/01089	<p>Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed Land adjacent to Purbeck Heights, Priests Way, Swanage, BH19 2RS Installation of hardstanding as parking area benefitting from approved planning application No. P/RES/2023/03476 (amended by approved planning application No. P/NMA/2026/00209).</p>
<u>Applications for Tree Works</u>		
P/TRT/2026/00738	<p>Holly Oak House, 6A Durlston Road, Swanage, BH19 2DL T1 Holm Oak:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce secondary branches growing south west and protruding from the canopy back into the upper crown by approximately 1 metre. • Reduce secondary branches growing south by approximately 0.5 metres. • Reduce the overall height of the tree by up to 0.5 metres. • Prune branches to achieve approximately 0.5 metres clearance from the adjacent BT line. 	
P/TRT/2026/00798	<p>4 Tilly Whim, 10 Durlston Road, Swanage, BH19 2HX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T1 Beech - Reduction of lateral branches and canopy by 2m. • T2 Beech - Reduction of lateral branches and canopy by 2m. • T3 Beech - Reduction of lateral branches and canopy by 2m. 	
P/TRT/2026/00907	<p>Sherwood Court, 2 Cliff Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1LX Sycamore at the front of Sherwood Court - fell tree and replace with a Fastigate Oak, Quercus robur 'Fastigiata'.</p>	

Please note:

* The Town Council is Corporate Trustee of the De Moulham Trust, which holds the benefit of covenants in the properties that are the subject of applications marked *.

The Town Council is the owner of land included within, or directly affected by, applications marked #.

Dorset Council

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1961

DORSET COUNCIL PURBECK WATERCRAFT BYELAW 2027

Dorset Council in exercise of powers conferred by section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961 makes the following byelaw.

Citation

This byelaw may be cited as the Dorset Council Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2027.

Commencement

This byelaw comes into force on the date on which it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Interpretation

1. In this byelaw:
 - a) 'buoys' mean floating devices anchored in water, used to mark locations, guide navigation, or act as speed markers;
 - b) 'moorings' mean fixed structures or anchors used to secure a vessel in place, preventing it from drifting due to wind, currents, or tides;
 - c) 'navigator' means a person who has charge or control of a watercraft or, being present, is entitled to give orders to the person having charge or control of it;
 - d) 'specified area' means the areas detailed in Schedule 1;
 - e) 'the council' means Dorset Council;
 - f) 'voluntary No Anchor Zone' (VNAS) means the area set out in the [Studland Bay MCZ Habitat Protection Strategy 2022-26](#), with coordinates shown in Part 1 (d) and area drawn on Map 4;
 - g) 'Personal Watercraft' means a watercraft intended for sports and leisure purposes of less than 4 meters in hull length which uses a propulsion engine having a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on, rather than within the confines of, a hull;
 - h) 'Jet Bike' means any watercraft (not being a structure which by reason of its concave shape provides buoyancy for the carriage of persons or goods) propelled by a water jet engine or other mechanical means of propulsion and steered either:
 - i. by means of a handlebar-operated linkage system (with or without a rudder at the stern);
 - ii. by the person or persons riding the craft using their bodyweight for the purpose; or
 - iii. by a combination of the methods referred to in (a) and (b) above;

- i) 'Wing Foils' refers to the use of an inflatable handheld Wing used by the rider of non-powered hydrofoil (Foil) board;
- j) 'E-Foils' mean battery powered hydrofoil boards with a small jet for propulsion. They are a type of Personal Watercraft;
- k) 'watercraft' means any vessel that is designed to travel on or through water, whether powered by an engine, sail, or manually operated. This definition includes both motorised, electric and non-motorised vessels, as well as remote-controlled or autonomous watercraft. Examples include (but are not limited to);
 - i) Personal Watercraft (PWC) e.g. jet skis, jet bikes, E-Foils;
 - ii) motorboats;
 - iii) speedboats;
 - iv) kayaks;
 - v) canoes;
 - vi) paddleboards;
 - vii) kitesurfs;
 - viii) windsurfs;
 - ix) Gig rowers;
 - x) wing foils and;
 - xi) sailboats.

Operation of watercraft

- 2. A navigator must not cause or permit any watercraft to exceed a speed faster than 5 knots through water in the specified areas during the period from 15 March and 30 October (inclusive).
- 3. Paragraph 2 does not apply to a navigator who is:
 - i) taking part in an event organised by the council or by any person with consent to the council in writing;
 - ii) providing safety facilities at such an event and using any watercraft designated for that purpose by the person organising the event; or
 - iii) acting in a rescue operation or emergency.

Avoidance of danger

- 4. Within the byelaw specified areas a navigator must use care and caution to:
 - a) not endanger lives or cause injury;
 - b) not be a nuisance to persons or wildlife; and
 - c) not cause damage to other watercraft, moorings or buoys.

Use of internal combustion engines

- 5. A navigator must not use a powered watercraft fitted with an internal combustion engine in a specified area unless the engine is fitted with a silencer that suitably reduces the noise caused by the escaping of exhaust gasses from the engine.

Offences

- 6. Anyone who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision contained in the byelaw is committing an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Saving of Crown and other rights

- 7. None of the byelaws grant or affect the Crown's rights or interests in the foreshore and seabed below high watermark, nor do they impact public rights or legal privileges over these areas.

Revocation

- 8. "The seaside pleasure boats byelaw 2013" made by Purbeck District Council on 11th day of October 2013 is revoked.

I certify that the above byelaw was made by Dorset Council at their meeting(?) on DD MMMMMM YYYY.

[Insert Signature]

[Name of signatory]
[Job Title]
Dorset Council
[Address]



The Secretary of State for **Transport** in exercise of the power conferred by section 76(2) of the Public Health Act 1961, confirms the Dorset Council **Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2025** made by Dorset Council on **DD MMMMMMMM YYYY**.

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A Senior Civil Servant for, and on behalf of, the Secretary of State for XXXX

Date:

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Schedule 1**Part 1**

This bylaw applies to the following specified areas:

- a) Lulworth Cove – landward of a straight line drawn between West point (50°37'1"N, 2°14'53"W) and East Point (50°37'0"N, 2°14'46"W), as shown by the broken line on map 1 in Part 2 Schedule 1;
- b) Kimmeridge bay – landward of a straight line extending from a point on Kimmeridge Ledges 150 metres west of Clavel Tower (50°36'36"N, 2°8'19"W) to the most eastern end of the Channel Flats (50°36'27"N, 2°7'55"W) shown by the broken line on map 2 in Part 2 schedule 1;
- c) Swanage bay enclosed within and on the landward side of the defined speed marker buoy line that are placed 200m out from mean high water mark on map 3 in Part 2 Schedule 1;

Buoy/position	Latitude	Longitude	Comments
A3	53°25'59.86"N	6°48'45.22"W	Fixed Point
B3			Laid in a straight line following the bay from buoy A3 to buoy J3 approximately equally spaced
C3			
D3			
E3			
F3			
G3			
H3			
I3			
J3	53°25'46.15"N	6°49'27.76"W	Fixed Point
K3			Laid in a straight line following the bay from buoy J3 to buoy R3 approximately equally spaced
L3			
M3			
N3			
O3			
P			
Q			
R3	53°25'44.79"N	6°50'7.80"W	Fixed point
E			
V3	53°25'53.90"N	6°50'1.08"W	Fixed point
W3	53°25'58.44"N	6°50'2.57"W	
X3			
Y3	53°26'0.99"N	6°50'13.17"W	Fixed point
Z3			
AA3	53°26'7.26"N	6°50'15.94"W	Fixed point

- d) Studland Bay – enclosed within the landward side of the defined speed marker buoy line, that are place 200 meters out from mean high water and running between the training bank and where the voluntary no anchor zone starts the buoys then follow the voluntary no anchor zone boundary to Handfast point* as seen on map 4 in Part 2 Schedule 1.

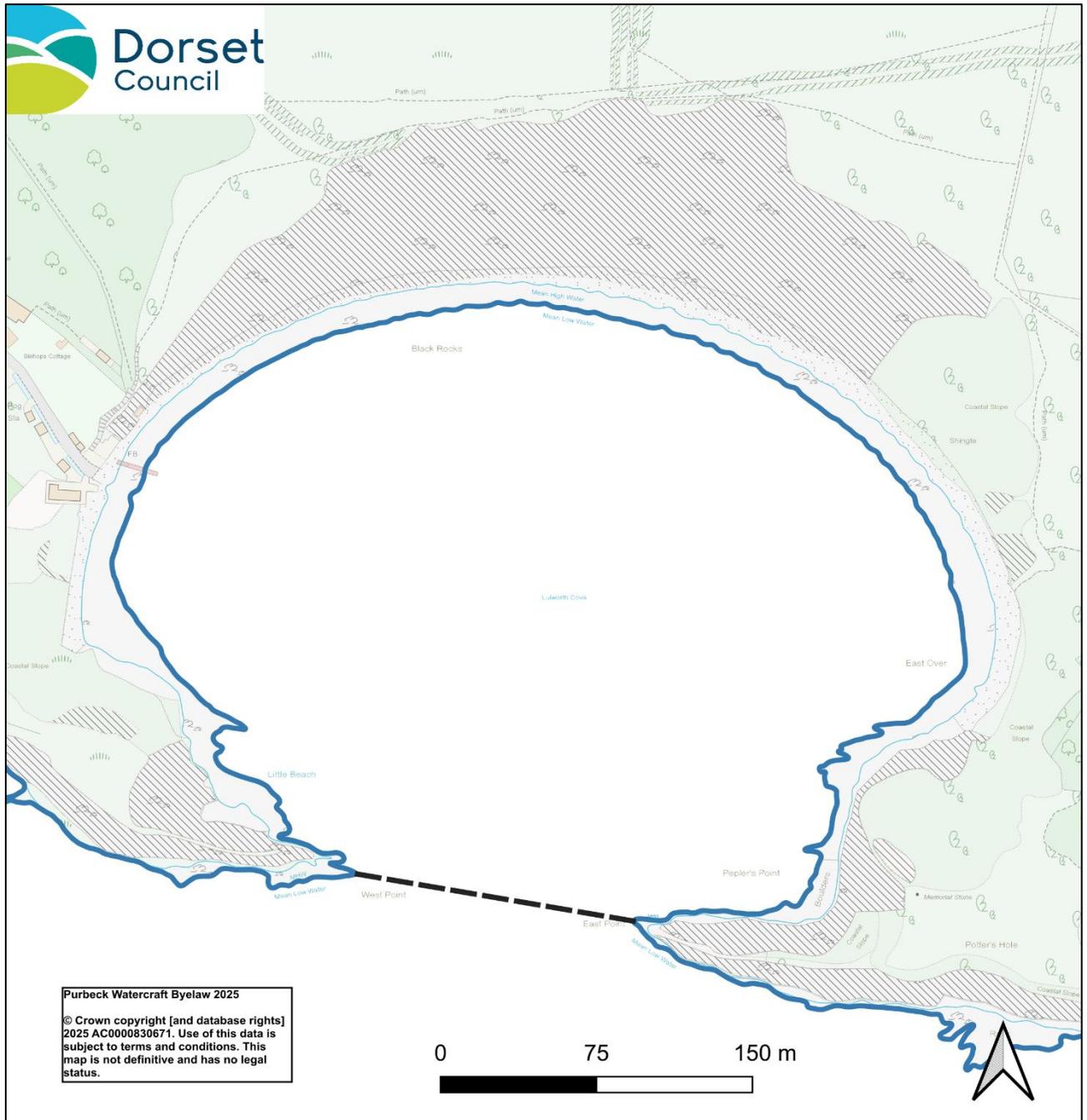
*Coordinates for boundary area of the voluntary no anchor zone at Studland: Point 1 - 50°38.9814'N 01°57.0306'W; to Point 2 - 50°38.9814'N 01°56.7072'W; to Point 3 - 50°38.8752'N 01°56.4324'W; to Point 4 - 50°38.9868'N 01°55.8966'W; to Point 5 - 50°38.9094'N 01°55.6782'W; to the boundary of the MCZ at Point 6 - 50°38.5188'N

01°55.4568'W; following the boundary of the MCZ to Point 7 - 50°38.4690'N 01°56.3676'W; to Point 8 - 50°38.7504'N 01°56.8620'W; to Point 9 - 50°38.8146'N 01°56.9256'W; and returning to point 1.

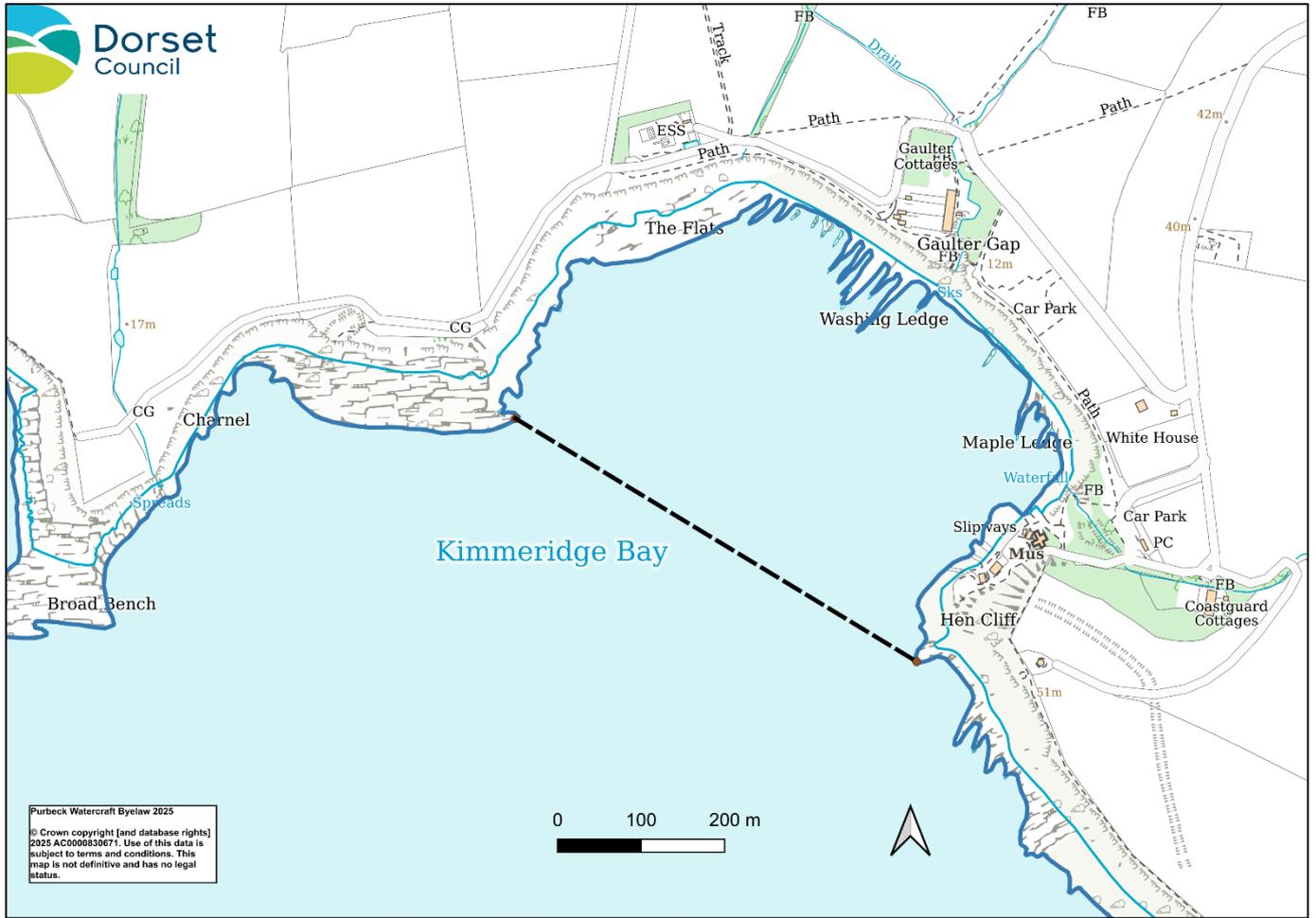
Buoy/position	Latitude	Longitude	Comments
B1	53°26'31.27"N	6°44'21.81"W	Fixed point – shared buoy with the voluntary no anchor buoy
C1			Shared buoys - following the boundary line of the voluntary no anchor zone
D1			
E1			
F1			
G1	53°26'51.43"N	6°46'21.58"W	Fixed point
H1			Shared buoys - following the line of the voluntary no anchor zone
I1	53°26'46.04"N	6°46'15.49"W	Fixed point
J1	53°26'42.92"N	6°46'14.98"W	Fixed point
K1			
L1			
M1			
N1			
O1			
P1	53°26'24.81"N	6°46'23.15"W	Fixed point
Q1	53°26'21.71"N	6°46'20.47"W	Fixed point
R1			Following the curve of the bay
S1			
T1	53°26'13.61"N	6°46'11.69"	Fixed point
U1	53°26'10.52"N	6°46'11.07"W	Fixed point
V1			Following the curve of the bay
W1			
X1			
Y1			
Z1	53°26'5.18"N	6°45'52.46"W	Fixed point
AA1			Following the curve of the bay
BB1			
Cc1			
DD1			
EE1			
FF1			
GG1			
HH1			
I11	53°26'13.69"N	6°45'6.33"W	Fixed point
JJ1			Following the curve of the bay
KK1			
LL1			
MM1			
NN1			
OO1			
PP1			
QQ1			
RR1			
SS1	53°26'32.01"N	6°44'21.89"W	Fixed point

Part 2

Map 1 - Lulworth Cove



Map 2 - Kimmeridge bay



Explanatory Note

(this is not part of the byelaw)

Dorset Council, under section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961, enacts the Purbeck Watercraft Byelaw 2025. This byelaw, effective upon confirmation by the Secretary of State, imposes speed restrictions of 5 nautical miles per hour in specified areas, with additional speed marker buoys put out seasonally. It regulates watercraft operation, mandates care to avoid danger to people and wildlife, requires silencers on internal combustion engines, and outlines penalties for non-compliance. The byelaw does not affect Crown rights or public privileges and revokes the 2013 seaside pleasure boats byelaw.

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DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY

Fire Station Closure Consultation

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION
IS OPEN FROM:
Friday 13th February 2026
until Friday 15th May 2026**

This is your chance to have
your say about our proposals

INTRODUCTION

What we're proposing

We're suggesting to the community the possible closure of eight on-call* fire stations, four in Dorset and four in Wiltshire.

Your Fire and Rescue Authority is legally required to provide a fire and rescue service to the communities of Dorset and Wiltshire. We must continually scrutinise and review this service to make sure it works well, makes best use of public money and runs smoothly.

Why we're proposing it

We've been looking at information and data about all our fire stations. This helps us understand how busy they are, what risks they face and, for stations with on-call firefighters, how often fire engines are ready to go. Our initial analysis considered:

- the demand placed on stations by incidents,
- the community impact of fire station removal including;
 - the travel time to the next nearest Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service station,
 - proximity to a full time/wholetime duty station,
 - non-removal of two neighbouring stations.

Following this analysis, we shortlisted these eight stations:

- Bradford on Avon
- Charmouth
- Cranborne
- Hamworthy
- Maiden Newton
- Mere
- Ramsbury
- Wilton

* Firefighters at on-call fire stations live or work near to the station and respond when alerted

We used data from the last six years to consider:

- how busy the station is,
- how quickly and how often the station is able to respond to incidents,
- how could other fire engines nearby respond to these incidents,
- the financial impact of closing the fire station,
- existing and possible future risk in these communities,
- how we meet the changing needs of the community.

These proposals would save money and make sure we can still provide fire and rescue services across Dorset and Wiltshire, when you need us.

What this doesn't mean

We know closing fire stations might sound worrying and will not be a welcome decision for our communities. That's why we've looked very carefully at all the facts to make sure we're doing the right thing with the money and people we have. We understand you care about what this means for where you live. Before we make any decisions, we want to hear from you. Tell us what you think and if there's anything important that we might have missed.

We want your views on these proposals so that we can understand what is important to you, what our focus should be, and how we can meet our future financial challenges. The Authority has not yet decided on these proposals. Your feedback will help us decide what is best for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

How you can have your say

The consultation is open from Friday 13th February until Friday 15th May 2026.

We will be holding public meetings in each affected town or village, to allow you to understand the data and impact of a closure and give us your thoughts. We'll also be holding online dial in sessions for each town or village. We have a consultation questionnaire which we'd encourage you to complete as well so we can collect all feedback.

Premier Advisory Group, an independent company, are supporting us with this public consultation. They will provide us with a report so we can review all the responses, before the Fire Authority makes the final decision at their meeting on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

FROM THE CHAIR AND CFO



Cllr Clare Weight
Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority



Andy Cole QFSM
Chief Fire Officer

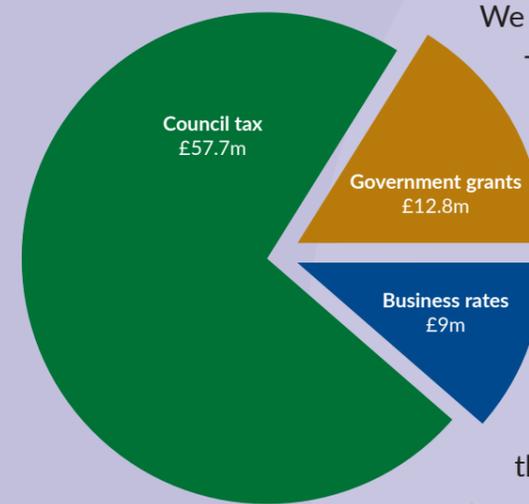
As Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority and Chief Fire Officer, our first responsibility is to keep people safe. That means making sure we have the right people and equipment in the right places, and that we can afford to sustain that for the long term.

We are a large Service made up of a dedicated and professional workforce that provide our response across 50 fire stations. We have 36 on-call stations, four wholetime only stations, five wholetime stations with an on-call section and five day duty stations with an on-call section. We manage our resources 24 hours a day to get you what you need when you need it, that does not always mean it will be your local fire engine.

Changes have already been made across all parts of our Service to save money and match our resources to where our risks are. Since the combination of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Services in 2016, we have saved £15.1m. During 2024/25, we have saved nearly £1m through further efficiencies. We will continue to look at the service we provide across all of our communities as a whole.

The proposal to close fire stations is a matter for the Fire and Rescue Authority. Whilst nobody wants to make these difficult decisions, we must maintain a sustainable and safe fire and rescue service. Although these proposals will save us money, the data is also telling us it's the right thing to do.

OUR FINANCIAL POSITION

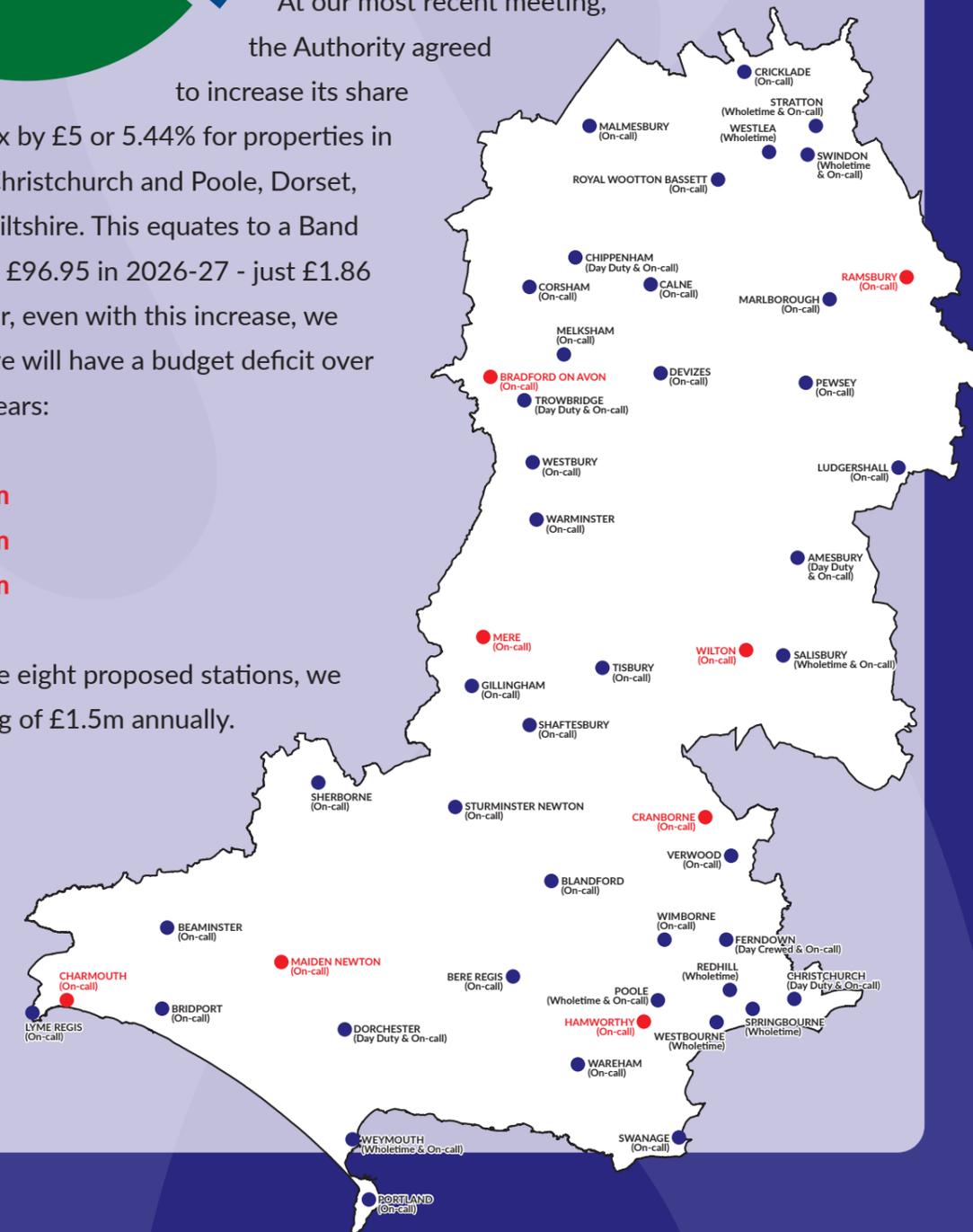


We have an annual budget of £79.5 million for 2026-27. This is made up of 16% grant from Government, 11% from business rates and 73% from council tax. Over time, government grant has not kept up with our costs, so a greater share of our budget now comes from council tax – it has increased from 63% to 73% since 2015-16.

At our most recent meeting, the Authority agreed to increase its share of the council tax by £5 or 5.44% for properties in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, Dorset, Swindon, and Wiltshire. This equates to a Band D Council Tax of £96.95 in 2026-27 - just £1.86 a week. However, even with this increase, we recognise that we will have a budget deficit over the next three years:

- 2026-27: -£1.2m**
- 2027-28: -£1.5m**
- 2028-29: -£1.7m**

If we close all the eight proposed stations, we calculate a saving of £1.5m annually.



BRADFORD ON AVON FIRE STATION

About your station

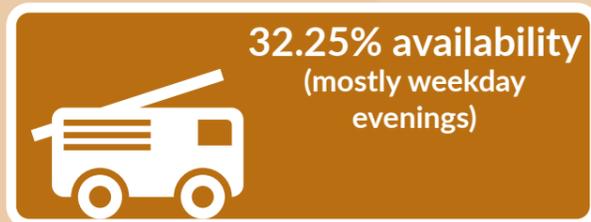


Your area



Bradford on Avon is a market town on the western edge of Wiltshire, close to Trowbridge and Melksham. The station area covers approximately 45 sq km. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

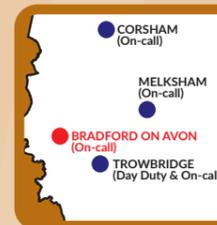


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 67.75% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Bradford on Avon. These are:



Trowbridge (2 fire engines) with 8 minutes travel time

Melksham (1 fire engine) with 16 minutes travel time

Corsham (1 fire engine) with 19 minutes travel time

Bath (Avon FRS) with 16 minutes travel time

Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At United Church Hall, 10 St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon BA15 1DD

On Tuesday 3rd March, 6pm - 8pm or Wednesday 4th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Thursday 16th April, 12pm - 1pm. Scan this QR code or

[click this link](#) in the pdf version of this document.



Let us know what you think by filling in our on-line survey. Scan the QR code to the left, or go to:

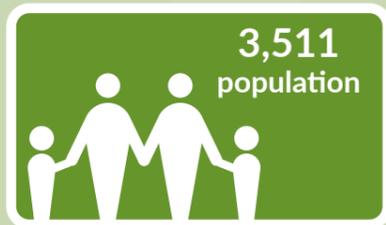
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CHARMOUTH FIRE STATION

About your station



Your area



Charmouth lies in southwest Dorset at the heart of the Lyme Bay coastline. The station area covers approximately 54 sq km and includes a dispersed rural community with a number of small villages and hamlets. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

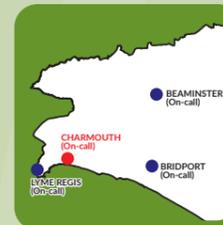


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 6.59% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Charmouth. These are:



- Lyme Regis** (1 fire engine) with 11 minutes travel time
- Bridport** (2 fire engines) with 14 minutes travel time
- Beaminstor** (1 fire engine) with 27 minutes travel time

Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At St Andrew's Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth DT6 6LH

On Tuesday 14th April, 6:30pm - 8:30pm or Wednesday 15th April, 11am - 1pm



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Thursday 23rd April, 12pm - 1pm. Scan this QR code or

[click this link](#) in the pdf version of this document.



Let us know what you think by filling in our on-line survey. Scan the QR code to the left, or go to:

www.dwfire.org.uk/proposed-station-closures

CRANBORNE FIRE STATION

About your station



Your area



Cranborne is an agricultural village near to the Dorset/Hampshire border, halfway between Salisbury and Poole. The station area covers approximately 98 sq km and includes a number of small villages. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs



What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 60.3% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Cranborne. These are:



- Verwood (1 fire engine) with 8 minutes travel time
 - Wimborne (2 fire engines) with 15 minutes travel time
 - Blandford (2 fire engines) with 21 minutes travel time
 - Fordingbridge (Hants & IOW FRS) with 13 minutes travel time
- Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Cecil Memorial Hall, Water Street, Cranborne BH21 5QB

On Wednesday 11th March, 11:30am - 1:30pm or Thursday 12th March, 7:30pm - 9:30pm



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Tuesday 21st April, 6pm - 7pm. Scan this QR code or

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HAMWORTHY FIRE STATION

About your station



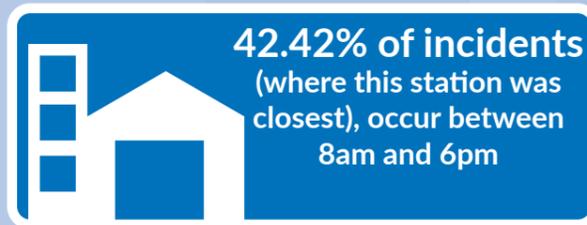
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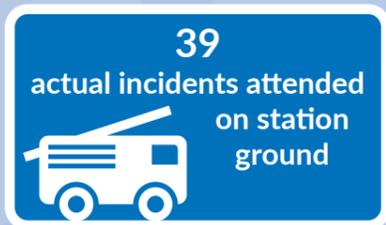
Hamworthy is a suburb of Poole in Dorset. Hamworthy's station ground is mainly within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole local authority (BCP), but part of the catchment is contained within Dorset. The station area covers approximately 54.5 sq km, in addition to Hamworthy it includes Upton and the villages of Lytchett Minster, Lytchett

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Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*

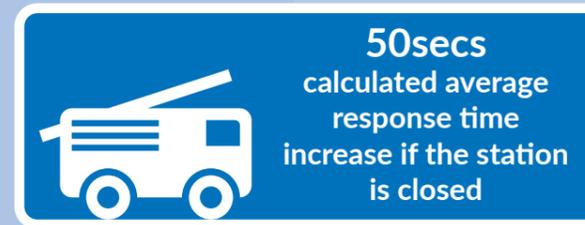


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Station costs

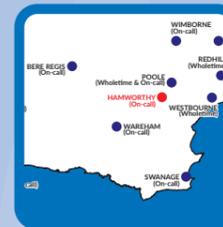


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 29.85% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Hamworthy. These are:



Poole (2 fire engines) with 6 minutes travel time

Wareham (1 fire engine) with 16 minutes travel time

Bere Regis (1 fire engine) with 17 minutes travel time

Redhill Park (1 fire engine) with 17 minutes travel time

Westbourne (1 fire engine) with 17 minutes travel time

Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Hamworthy Library, Blandford Road, Hamworthy BH15 4BG

On Wednesday 11th March, 6pm - 8pm, Thursday 12th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm

or later on the same day (Thursday 12th March) at 1pm - 3pm**



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Wednesday 22nd April, 12pm - 1pm. Scan this QR code or

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** We have put on an extra session due to low capacity levels at this venue

MAIDEN NEWTON FIRE STATION

About your station



Your area



The village of Maiden Newton is situated to the northwest of Dorset's county town, Dorchester. The station area covers approximately 139.1 sq km. There is no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

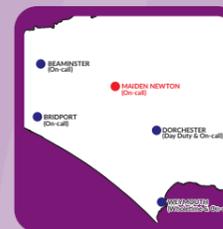


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 68.78% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Maiden Newton. These are:



- Dorchester (2 fire engines) with 15 minutes travel time
 - Beaminster (1 fire engine) with 17 minutes travel time
 - Bridport (2 fire engines) with 20 minutes travel time
- Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Maiden Newton Village Hall, 64-66 Dorchester Road, Maiden Newton DT2 0BG
On Tuesday 14th April, 10:30am - 12:30pm or Thursday 16th April, 6pm - 8pm



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MERE FIRE STATION

About your station



Your area



Mere is located in the southwest of Wiltshire. It is adjacent to and easily accessed from the A303. The station area covers approximately 124 sq km. The village is near to the Somerset border, and the nearest towns are Gillingham and Wincanton. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

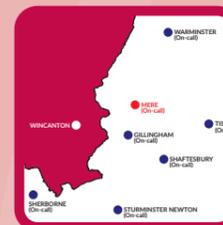


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 41.87% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Mere. These are:



Gillingham (1 fire engine) with 8 minutes travel time
Shaftesbury (2 fire engines) with 18 minutes travel time
Warminster (2 fire engines) with 22 minutes travel time
Wincanton (Devon & Somerset FRS) with 12 minutes travel time
Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Mere Lecture Hall, Salisbury Street, Mere BA12 6HA

On Wednesday 4th March, 6pm - 8pm or Thursday 5th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm



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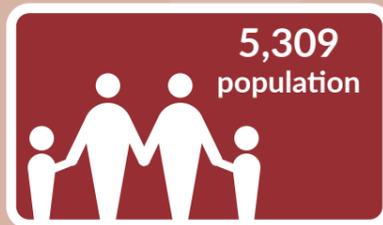
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RAMSBURY FIRE STATION

About your station

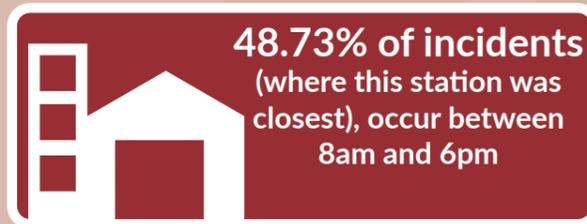
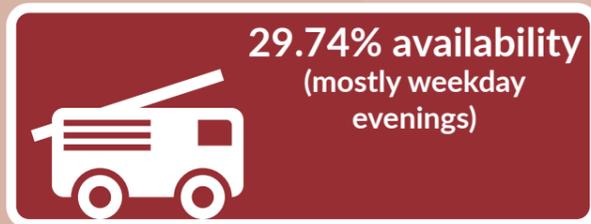


Your area



Ramsbury is located in the northeast of Wiltshire. The village is in the Kennet Valley near the Berkshire border. The nearest towns include Hungerford, Marlborough and Swindon. The station area covers approximately 124 sq km. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

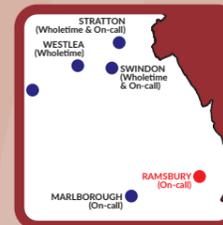


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 70.26% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Ramsbury. These are:



- Marlborough** (1 fire engine) with 13 minutes travel time
 - Swindon** (2 fire engines) with 23 minutes travel time
 - Stratton** (2 fire engines) with 23 minutes travel time
 - Hungerford (Royal Berks FRS)** with 11 minutes travel time
- Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Ramsbury Memorial Hall, 26 High Street, Ramsbury SN8 2PB

On Monday 2nd March, 6pm - 8pm or Tuesday 3rd March, 10:30am - 12:30pm



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Wednesday 15th April, 6pm - 7pm. Scan this QR code or

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WILTON FIRE STATION

About your station



Your area



Wilton is two miles west of Salisbury. The station area covers approximately 180 sq km and has numerous small villages. There are no significant future developments planned.

Current availability and response times



How often is my station needed?*



* Figures based on a yearly average taken over a five year period

Station costs

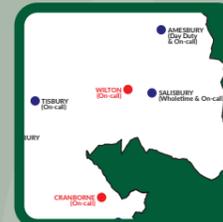


What changes if my station closes?



When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 35.28% of the time.

We currently use, and would continue to use, the nearest fire engines to Wilton. These are:



- Salisbury (2 fire engines) with 7 minutes travel time
 - Amesbury (2 fire engines) with 18 minutes travel time
 - Tisbury (1 fire engine) with 21 minutes travel time
- Times based on normal road speed. This will be quicker using blue lights.

How to get involved

Join our public meetings:

At Castle Meadow Pavilion, Castle Lane, Wilton SP2 0HG

On Monday 9th March, 6pm - 8pm or Tuesday 10th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm



Alternatively, join our online meeting on Tuesday 21st April, 12pm - 1pm. Scan this QR code or

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HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

We want your views on these proposals so that we can understand what is important to you, what our focus should be and how we can meet our future financial challenges. The consultation is open from Friday 13th February until Friday 15th May 2026. The Fire Authority makes the final decision at their meeting on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

Have your say now



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Or go to: www.dwfire.org.uk/proposed-station-closures

Call **01722 691000** if you need help accessing our survey

Come to a meeting

We are holding in-person and online public meetings. All dates and locations can be found in this document or on our website (www.dwfire.org.uk/proposed-station-closures). Or call **01722 691000** if you need help joining a meeting.

Accessibility

If you need this information in another format or language, or need help taking part, please contact consultation@dwfire.org.uk.

That's why your opinion matters! This is your chance to speak up and make a difference.

KEY DATES

Friday 13 February	Public Consultation begins	
Monday 2 March	6pm - 8pm	Ramsbury
Tuesday 3 March	10:30am - 12:30pm	Ramsbury
Tuesday 3 March	6pm - 8pm	Bradford on Avon
Wednesday 4 March	10:30am - 12:30pm	Bradford on Avon
Wednesday 4 March	6pm - 8pm	Mere
Thursday 5 March	10:30am - 12:30pm	Mere
Monday 9 March	6pm - 8pm	Wilton
Tuesday 10 March	10:30am - 12:30pm	Wilton
Wednesday 11 March	11:30am - 1:30pm	Cranborne
Wednesday 11 March	6pm - 8pm	Hamworthy
Thursday 12 March	10:30am - 12:30pm	Hamworthy
Thursday 12 March	1pm - 3pm	Hamworthy
Thursday 12 March	7:30pm - 9:30pm	Cranborne
Tuesday 14 April	10:30am - 12:30pm	Maiden Newton
Tuesday 14 April	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Charmouth
Wednesday 15 April	11am - 1pm	Charmouth
Wednesday 15 April	6pm - 7pm	Ramsbury - Online
Thursday 16 April	12pm - 1pm	Bradford on Avon - Online
Thursday 16 April	6pm - 8pm	Maiden Newton
Tuesday 21 April	12pm - 1pm	Wilton - Online
Tuesday 21 April	6pm - 7pm	Cranborne - Online
Wednesday 22 April	12pm - 1pm	Hamworthy - Online
Wednesday 22 April	6pm - 7pm	Maiden Newton - Online
Thursday 23 April	12pm - 1pm	Charmouth - Online
Thursday 23 April	6pm - 7pm	Mere - Online
Friday 15 May	Public Consultation ends	
Tuesday 30 June	Fire and Rescue Authority meeting	Elected Councillors will make the final decision on the proposals for station closures



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