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Report from Cllr A Brenton

Now that the election is over I hope we can start meetings properly again.

At the last Eastern Planning committee, the policy developed in Purbeck DC to restrict sales of new houses in the AONB to only those who would live in them fulltime or be the principal residence ,was challenged by Developers of a site in Lulworth, the planning officers suggested that the restriction be lifted but I proposed and was fully backed by most of the committee that we had to maintain the policy and if necessary defend it at appeal. Although second homes may not be a problem in Lytchett and Upton, it is an issue in all the honeypot villages in Dorset and with large new developments happening there is a fear that they will not be lived in fulltime but become investment or holiday homes. As ever the officers are reluctant to enforce policy until it has been tested by an examiner.

The Dorset Council Climate Change and Emergency panel is calling for ideas from the public for suggestions as to how to combat the emergency.

This may be taken as proof that the Panel does not have a closed mind but is willing to listen to any ideas and will ask some of the leading suggestions to present to the panel, there is a survey form online.

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=157468397984>

Rough Sleeping initiative. In the last few months in association with Julians House and the Bus Shelter in Weymouth it is believed that the number of rough sleepers has reduced by at least half. Routes to roots in Poole is also doing valuable work in reducing rough sleeping.

The question of rushing Town and Parishes into responding quickly to planning applications has been raised and we think it is a genuine problem. We have raised it with the Cabinet member for Planning and will do so again.

The Skinners family camping on the old Dorchester road near the Bypass, we have discussed it with the Travellers Liason Officer and will follow up again soon.

Win on Waste has become such a success that the Charity Ideas2Action is overwhelmed and needs storage with room to sort and pack, as every member now has filled their garage. The crisps in particular need to be packed densely to get them up to the accepted weight.

My enquiries into recycling rubble. JB Wilkes will accept clean bricks/stone/cement/paving with no mud from private individuals so one can take a carboot full in. At Henbury plantation tip or the depot at Hamworthy. They will charge £10 a tonne over the weighbridge, which is cheaper than taking it to Wareham tip.