

REPORT TO THE MEETIN OF COUNCIL

Report No. 7

Date of Meeting	17th OCTOBER 2006
Title of Report	Sustainable Communities Bill
Link to Corporate Priorities	None
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

The Report provides information regarding the campaign to reintroduce the Sustainable Communities Bill to Parliament.

Officer Recommendations

None

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In their letter dated the 7th July 2006 Dauntsey Parish Council asked: “Does the Area 1 Committee agree with the proposals as set out in Charter 88?”
- 1.2 In response to the question the Chairman agreed that the matter should be deferred to the next meeting.
- 1.3 At the meeting where the issue was discussed it was agreed that it would be more appropriate for a meeting of Council to take a view on the issue.
- 1.4 This presents information in relation to the request to support the recent campaign by Charter 88

2. Options

- 2.1 Council should decide whether to pass a motion supporting the campaign as requested in Appendix 2.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Charter 88 is supporting the campaign of another organisation called Local Works which aims to highlight issues of community decline.
- 3.2 In particular Local Works is campaigning for the re-introduction of the Sustainable Communities Bill a copy of which, including explanatory notes, is appended to this report. Further information about the Local Works campaign can be found on their website www.localwork.org
- 3.3 Charter 88 has asked Council’s to pass a resolution in support and to petition our local MPs to sign an Early Day Motion (EDM). A list of signatories of the EDM, including those of James Gray and Michael Ancram are appended to this report.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter from Dauntsey Parish Council (Appendix 1)• Letter to Dauntsey Parish Council from Charter 88 (Appendix 2)• EDM and Signatories (Appendix 3)• Draft Bill and Notes (Appendix 4)
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Public Questions	Malmesbury Area (1) Committee – 19 th July 2006	M16
Report 7 – Sustainable Communities Bill	Malmesbury Area (1) Committee – 27 th September 2006	M33