

Will you help support this new project hoping to work with the Homeless/Rough Sleeper community in Weymouth?



The background

You have hopefully seen something about this project. A double decker bus has been given and fitted out to provide overnight accommodation. There are cooking, washing and toilet facilities in a trailer.

Those making use of it will have to engage with support agencies in the hope that their difficulties with housing, benefits or dependencies can be addressed. Similar schemes are running successfully elsewhere.

More info can be seen on their facebook page @thebusshelterdorset

The council are very aware of the problem of homelessness in the town centre, as is anyone who spends any time down there. Something needs to be done.

The project is ready to launch on 1 September. The pressing issue at the moment is permission to park up somewhere. WPBC have refused permission to use any council land. As churches we are supportive but none of the town centre churches have a space big enough or accessible enough to house the bus. A site away from the town centre is not ideal.

What could you do?

Will you please write to, phone, speak in person or email your ward councillors asking them to get this back on the agenda.

- Permission for a trial period over the autumn/winter would be a start.
- There is space at the end of the pavilion peninsula which is tucked away and discreet.
- Persuade them that a meeting with all the interested parties is the least that can be done.

Be polite but also be clear that this is something you feel strongly about.

If you don't know who your ward councillors are, put your postcode in the following webpage

www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/council-and-democracy

Tell your friends, gather support. If we can reach every councillor with at least 30 messages they will not be able to ignore us.

I am happy to speak to you if you need more info.

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