

Reviewing the Plan for Purbeck's future

Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review
Equalities Impact Assessment and Health
Impact Assessment, January 2015



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Executive Summary

1. This Equalities Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment is published alongside the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Issues and Options consultation document. The Issues and Options consultation will run for 6 weeks between January and March 2015.
2. This report is presented in two parts:
 - Part 1 sets out an Equalities Impact Assessment of the Issues and Options Communications and Engagement Strategy. The Communications and Engagement Strategy sets out how the Council is planning to publicise the consultation and provide opportunities for people to get involved.
 - Part 2 sets out an Equalities Impact Assessment of the options presented in the Partial Review Issues and Options consultation document. This assesses the likely equalities impacts of various options for future development in the district. Part 2 also includes a Health Impact Assessment, which shows how the main principles of health and healthcare will be addressed through the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review.
3. This Equalities Impact Assessment identifies a number of 'action planning recommendations' which can be summarised as follows:
 - Monitoring of attendees: we should monitor who attends consultation events, to help us ensure that we have a good understanding of the groups we are reaching and to identify any gaps in this representation which we can then seek to address in future.
 - Ensuring that adopted Purbeck Local Plan policies are rigorously applied: the Council should ensure that adopted policies are rigorously applied when preparing development brief scoping reports and determining detailed development schemes at the planning application stage.
 - Ensuring that emerging policies address equality needs: the Council should ensure that emerging policies in the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review are fully progressed and adopted to ensure that all equality needs are addressed.

Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Partial Review Issues and Options Equality Impact assessment (EqIA)

Part 1 - Communications and Engagement Strategy

Q1. What is the title of the strategy, policy, service or review?

4.	The Partial Review Issues and Options Communications and Engagement Strategy	
5.	Which Officers are involved in the EqIA?	Diane Bemand, Senior Neighbourhood Planner Cari Wooldridge, Senior Neighbourhood Planner Keith Childs, Senior Neighbourhood Planner
6.	Date of Assessment.	20 January 2015
7.	What are you impact assessing?	The Partial Review Issues and Options communication and engagement strategy
8.	Existing/New/ Changing / /Revision	New
9.	Other (Additional information)	None

Q2. What are the aims and objectives of the strategy and which Corporate priorities are they designed to meet?

Relevant corporate priorities

10. All of the following Purbeck District Council corporate priorities for 2013 – 2018 are relevant to the Partial Review:

- Enhancing local communities and involvement
- Being an efficient and effective council
- Protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- Meeting the housing needs of local people
- Improving the local economy and infrastructure

Aims and objectives of the strategy

11. To ensure that all residents and businesses in Purbeck have the opportunity to:

- be informed about the Partial Review Issues and Options consultation; and
- make an informed response in the appropriate manner.

12. To consult effectively with local people on plan making and to achieve high levels of quality community engagement and customer satisfaction

13. The key message for the communications and engagement strategy is: This is about

Purbeck and its people and is your opportunity to tell us which of the options should be considered further.

14. This Issues and Options consultation is the first stage consultation for the Partial Review. The consultation will identify potential options for the location of new housing, new shops and additional employment land.

Q3. Who will it have an impact on e.g. public, visitors, staff, members, and partners?

15. The main impact of the issues and options consultation will be on:

- Purbeck residents
- Purbeck service users
- Businesses operating in Purbeck and neighbouring areas.

Q4. Are there any potential barriers to implementing changes to your strategy, e.g. capacity or financial issues?

16. None are anticipated

Q5. Who will be involved in implementing this strategy?

17. The consultation format is designed by Senior Neighbourhood Planners working closely with Purbeck District Councillors through the Partial Review Advisory Group and with Town and Parish Councils through the Town and Parish Council workshops.
18. The project is supported by the Planning Policy Manager and the General Manager.
19. The Communications Team provides advice on communication style and format and has helped to design the consultation and exhibition materials which are written in plain English, jargon free and supplemented with appropriate images.

Q6. What data do you already have, broken down by equality strands, about your service users or the people your policy will have an impact on?

Current available data

Population

20. The current population of Purbeck is 45,400¹ up from 44,600 a decade ago and this is expected to grow by six per cent to 48,000 by 2021.

Age profiles

¹ Source: 2013 mid-year population estimates
<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157369/report.aspx#tabrespop>

21. Purbeck has a high proportion of people aged 55 to 79, and a lower proportion of people aged 15 to 44. Around 27% of people in Purbeck are aged 65 and over compared with 17% nationally.

Ethnic groups

22. Only 1.4% of the population are Black Minority Ethnic (BME) compared with 14% in England & Wales².

Socio-economic classifications

23. Around 6% of the population claim 'Key out of work benefits' in Purbeck, compared to 10% nationally³.

Access

24. Only 33% of Purbeck residents live in urban areas compared with 82% in England and Wales.⁴
25. Car ownership is high in Purbeck with 46% of all households having 2 or more cars. Only 12% of households do not own a car or van compared to 26% in England and Wales⁵.
26. The number of people travelling to work by public transport is low at 2% compared to 11% nationally⁶.

Housing

27. There are 22,129 dwellings in Purbeck⁷, of which 19,600 are occupied⁸.
28. House prices are 11.4 times higher than average earnings in Purbeck, compared with 6.59 higher for England⁹.
29. Around 3% of Dorset dwellings are second homes/holiday homes compared to the 7% in Purbeck.

Economic activity

30. Purbeck has around 16,100 employees¹⁰. Around 20% of the population are retired compared to almost 14% across England and Wales¹¹.
31. 47% work in knowledge-driven industries, compared to 51% regionally and 53% nationally.

² 2011 Census of population

³ Source: DWP benefit claimants - working age client group includes the groups: job seekers, ESA and incapacity benefits, lone parents and others on income related benefits

⁴ ONS Mid year population estimates 2012

⁵ 2011 Census of population

⁶ 2011 Census of population

⁷ 2011 Census of population

⁸ 2011 Census of population

⁹ Lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings DCLG 2012 provisional

¹⁰ BRES 2012. ONS

¹¹ 2011 Census - % of population aged 16-74

32. Average gross weekly earnings are £442 compared to £519 for England and Wales¹².

Q7. Do you need any further information broken down by equality strands to inform this Equality Assessment?

33. No additional information is needed for this particular assessment.

Q8. Is there any potential for direct or indirect discrimination?

34. Yes. However, most of the issues will be addressed in the final planning of the communication and engagement strategy and the event planning stage.

35. This assessment has been made with reference to a range of groups summarised as follows:

Theme	Potential discrimination
Age	Young people do not often attend formal planning consultation events.
Disability	Possible access issues around mobility (to attend events), potential sight and hearing issues.
Race and ethnicity	BME groups are not often well represented at formal planning consultation events.
Gender reassignment	None identified.
Sexual orientation	None identified.
Faith or belief	Potential discrimination if non-neutral venues are used for all consultation events.
Marriage and civil partnerships	None identified.
Pregnancy and maternity	None identified.
Other socially excluded groups	Potential for indirect discrimination for people with low literacy skills.

Factors that may contribute to indirect discrimination and how they will be addressed

Younger people

36. Where possible we will work with youth providers, youth groups and/or schools to consider ways to engage young people to give them the opportunity to have their say.

Disability and accessibility of venues

37. Where possible all venues will be DDA compliant to ensure access for people who are wheelchair users or have mobility issues.

38. Venues are selected in each of the five spatial areas. This should help to minimise the

¹² Annual survey of hours & earnings 2013 ONS

need to travel and to provide people with a sense of ownership and involvement.

39. Events will be held on different days of week during afternoons and evenings. This should help to ensure that people who work, or have caring responsibilities, are able to attend at least one event.

Race and ethnicity

40. Engaging people from Black and Minority Ethnic groups is often difficult in Purbeck as they are often dispersed across the district and there are no formalised groups to approach or work with.

Other socially excluded groups

41. Consultation and exhibition materials are produced in plain English supplemented with images. Consultation materials will be written in Ariel 12 point font. Large print documents are available on request.
42. At least two officers, will be in attendance at each event to provide information, explain the content of the Issues and Options consultation document and questionnaire and to answer questions and explain the complexities of the consultation.
43. All consultation documents and materials will be available on the Dorsetforyou website where most documents use 'text-to-speech' technology.

Action planning recommendations

Monitoring of attendees

44. Monitoring who attends events helps us ensure that we have a good understanding of the groups we are reaching and to identify any gaps in this representation which we can then seek to address in future.
45. The following monitoring data should be gathered:
- The date, time and venue of the event;
 - The number of attendees.
46. The following information should be gathered if possible (without being obtrusive):
- Their postcode
 - Their age grouping (i.e. match census age groupings); and
 - Their employment status, (i.e. employed, unemployed, retired, primary carer, student).
47. The monitoring requirements for events are set out in Appendix 1.

Part 2 – Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Options Impacts Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Q1. What is the title of the strategy, policy, service or review	
48.	Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Issues and Options Consultation Document
49. Which Officers are involved in the EqIA and HIA?	Cari Wooldridge, Planning Officer Keith Childs, Senior Neighbourhood Planner
50. Date of Assessment.	20 January 2015
51. What are you impact assessing?	Partial Review Issues and Options Consultation Document
52. Existing/New/ Changing / /Revision	New & revision
53. Other (Additional information)	None
Q2. What are the aims and objectives of the plan and which Corporate priorities are they designed to meet?	
Relevant corporate priorities	
54.	All of the Purbeck District Council corporate priorities and targets for 2013 – 2018 are relevant to the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing local communities and involvement • Being an efficient and effective council • Protecting and enhancing the natural environment • Meeting the housing needs of local people • Improving the local economy and infrastructure
Objectives of the plan	
55.	The Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review is intended to fulfil the Council’s commitment to explore the potential for additional development above that identified in the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1. The partial review will also provide an opportunity to update policies in light of new national planning guidance and to introduce new policy where necessary.

Q3. Who will it have an impact on e.g. public, visitors, staff, members, and partners?

56. The main impact of the Issues and Options will be on:

- Purbeck residents
- Purbeck service users
- Businesses operating in Purbeck and the surrounding areas.

Q4. Are there any potential barriers to implementing changes to your plan, e.g. capacity or financial issues?

57. None are anticipated

Q5. Who will be involved in implementing the plan?

58. The plan has been drafted by Senior Neighbourhood Planners.

59. The project is supported by the Planning Policy Manager and the General Manager.

60. The Communications Team provides advice on communication style and format of the plan which is written in plain English, jargon free and supplemented with appropriate images.

Q6. What data do you already have, broken down by equality strands, about your service users or the people your plan will have an impact on?

Current available data

Population:

61. The current population of Purbeck is 45,400¹³ up from 44,600 a decade ago and this is expected to grow by six per cent to 48,000 by 2021.

Age profiles

62. Purbeck has a high proportion of people aged 55 to 79, and a lower proportion of people aged 15 to 44. Around 27% of people in Purbeck are aged 65 and over compared with 17% nationally¹⁴.

Ethnic groups

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¹⁴ 2011 Census of population

¹⁵ 2011 Census of population

Socio-economic classifications

64. 6% of the population claim 'Key out of work benefits' compared to 10% nationally¹⁶.

Access

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66. Car ownership is high in Purbeck with 46% of all households having 2 or more cars. Only 12% of households do not own a car or van compared to 26% in England and Wales¹⁸.

67. The number of people travelling to work by public transport is low at 2% compared to 11% nationally¹⁹.

Type of housing

68. There are 22,129 dwellings in Purbeck²⁰.

69. House prices are 11.4 times higher than earnings in Purbeck compared with 6.59 in England²¹.

Economic activity

70. Purbeck has around 16,100 employees²².

71. 47% work in knowledge-driven industries, less than in the region (51%) or nationally (53%).

72. Average gross weekly earnings are £442 compared to £519 for England and Wales²³.

73. Around 20% of the population are retired compared to almost 14% across England and Wales²⁴.

Q7. Why undertake an EqIA?

74. Purbeck District Council is required to undertake EqIA of its policies, plans and strategies to ensure that they do not discriminate against any group or individual in the community. The duty to undertake EqIA arises from the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000.

¹⁶ Source: DWP benefit claimants - working age client group includes the groups: job seekers, ESA and incapacity benefits, lone parents and others on income related benefits

¹⁷ ONS Mid year population estimates 2012

¹⁸ 2011 Census of population

¹⁹ 2011 Census of population

²⁰ 2011 Census of population

²¹ Lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings DCLG 2012 provisional

²² BRES 2012. ONS

²³ Annual survey of hours & earnings 2013 ONS

²⁴ 2011 Census - % of population aged 16-74

75. Previous EqlAs undertaken in Purbeck have included a range of equalities issues as required by law.
76. To incorporate EqlAs into the plan-making process we also need to take into account some of the wider issues of social inequalities, in particular rural isolation and related deprivation, for example, fuel poverty.
77. The Partial Review Issues and Options consultation document sets out a series of issues to be addressed by the Partial Review, and also presents a number of options for future development in the district.
78. The following nine equality areas are used in a matrix to determine whether the Partial Review options have potential implications in relation to: Age (**Ag**), Disability (**D**), Ethnicity (**E**), Faith or belief (**F**), Gender (**G**), Gender reassignment (**GR**), Sexual orientation (**SO**), Social inequalities (**SI**), Rural isolation (**RI**).
79. The matrices identify where the options are compatible, have potential conflict or likely conflict with the equality areas.

EqIA of Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Issues and Options

Table 1: Issue 1 – Length of the plan period

Issues in relation to:	Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 1a	Option 1b
Age	Compatible	Compatible
Disability	Compatible	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible
Gender	Compatible	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Compatible

Notes

The options relating to the length of the plan period are unlikely to impact on the above, as the actual difference in the time involved is likely to be short (the difference of only one year).

Table 2: Issue 2 - Meeting objectively assessed housing needs

Issues in relation to:	Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 2a	Option 2b
Age	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

For option 2a, the EQIA is 'unknown' - as the level of growth proposed has not yet been tested. The Issues and Options document sets out a variety of site options that might enable the

delivery of this growth, but the actual selection of sites for housing growth would determine the outcome of this assessment.

For option 2b, the EQIA is 'unknown' as it is unclear whether other adjacent council areas will have an unmet housing need and if so whether Purbeck will have any capacity to provide for extra need. If such unmet need were to be met in Purbeck, the actual selection of sites for housing growth would determine the outcome of this assessment.

Table 3: Issue 3 – New settlement extensions

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review Issues & Options Impact					
	Option 3a	Option 3b	Option 3c	Option 3d	Option 3e	Option 3f
Age	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Likely conflict
Disability	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Likely Conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender re-assignment	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Likely Conflict
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Likely Conflict

Notes

Option 3a – assessed as ‘compatible’ since this would favour growth at the largest settlements where there is maximum access to service and facilities.

Option 3b - assessed as ‘compatible’ since this would favour growth at the largest settlements where there is maximum access to service and facilities.

Option 3c – this would focus growth around the larger villages where there are some local facilities. Potential conflict is identified where access to wider facilities and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Option 3d – this would focus growth around the local service villages where there are some local facilities. Potential conflict is identified where access to wider facilities and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Option 3e – this would focus growth around the smaller villages where there are fewer local facilities. Likely conflict is identified where access to wider facilities and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Option 3f - this would focus growth around the smallest villages where there are few local facilities. Likely conflict is identified where access to wider facilities and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Table 4: Issue 4 - Potential large housing sites

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review Issues & Options Impact						
	Option 4a	Option 4b	Option 4c	Option 4d	Option 4e	Option 4f	Option 4g
Age	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Potential conflict	Likely conflict
Disability	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender Re-assignment	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely conflict
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely Conflict	Potential Conflict	Likely conflict

Notes

Option 4a: Assessed as 'compatible' since this option is at Wareham which is one of the main settlements in Purbeck where access to services and facilities is good.

Option 4b: Assessed as 'compatible' since this option is at Wareham which is one of the main settlements in Purbeck where access to services and facilities is good.

Option 4c: Some 'potential conflict' identified as this option lies beyond the main towns in Purbeck and access to some services and facilities would therefore require increased travel which could disadvantage some groups.

Option 4d: Some ‘potential conflict’ identified as this option lies beyond the main settlements of Purbeck and access to some services and facilities would therefore require increased travel which could disadvantage some groups.

Option 4e: Some ‘likely conflict’ identified as this option lies within a rural area of Purbeck and access to services and facilities would therefore require increased travel which could disadvantage some groups.

Option 4f: Some ‘potential conflict’ identified as this option lies beyond the main settlements of Purbeck and access to some services and facilities would therefore require increased travel which could disadvantage some groups.

Option 4g: Some ‘likely conflict’ identified as this option lies within a rural area of Purbeck and access to services and facilities would therefore require increased travel which could disadvantage some groups.

Table 5: Issue 5 - The Green Belt

Issues in relation to:	Issues & Options Impact		
	Option 5a	Option 5b	Option 5c
Age	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

The unknown responses relate to a number of factors.

For Option 5a, the question of *where a release might be made* is the key (the options for possible Green Belt release currently include a variety of different locations and this EQIA assessment cannot be confirmed in advance of the site selection).

For Options 5b and 5c the key issue will concern *where development might be focussed elsewhere* in the district (as the options currently under consideration include a variety of site locations which would be likely to produce different results).

Table 6: Issue 6 – Meeting employment needs

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review Issues & Options Impact					
	Option 6a	Option 6b	Option 6c	Option 6d	Option 6e	Option 6f
Age	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Disability	Potential conflict	Compatible	Potential conflict	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Gender	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Gender re-assignment	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Social inequalities	Potential conflict	Compatible	Potential conflict	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Potential conflict	Compatible	Potential conflict	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown

Notes

Option 6a: Dorset Green Technology Park lies within an isolated rural setting with poor public transport links (limited bus service and also some distance from the nearest railway station at Wool).

Option 6b: The Holton Heath option already forms an important employment hub within Purbeck and would offer good accessibility via both the main road network (A351/A35) and the mainline railway (with a small station at Holton Heath).

Option 6c: The Bovington site lies on the edge of the main settlement, within a rural setting with poor public transport (limited bus service and no nearby railway station).

Option 6d: The Upton site lies on the edge of one of the largest settlements in Purbeck and is also relatively close to Poole.

Option 6e: Sandford Lane industrial area forms one of the strategic employment areas in Purbeck, it is close to Wareham and well served by both the main road network and the railway.

Option 6f: There are three sites included and these vary considerably in terms of their locations. One is far more isolated within a rural setting (Botany Bay Farm), one is outside a key service village (Corfe Castle) and one within a key service village (Sandford). The Sandford site would rank more favourably than the Botany Bay site and this presents a level of uncertainty.

Table 7: Issue 7 – Meeting retail needs

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 7a	Option 7b
Age	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown
Gender re-assignment	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

The location of any new retail development will be vital to this assessment. At this stage, the options offered simply relate to the quantity of additional retail floor space to be delivered rather than the location itself.

Table 8: Issue 9 - Norden Park and Ride

Issues in relation to:	Partial review Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 9a	Option 9b
Age	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

Option 9A (to expand capacity at the site) might help to improve existing levels of congestion along parts of the A351 route and particularly the route to Corfe Castle and Swanage. However, the expansion of the Norden Park and Ride facility would be unlikely to significantly alleviate traffic congestion to the north (as most traffic using the site is likely to approach via Wareham). Therefore, in order to make a fuller assessment more information will be required in terms of the range of settlements to be served by public transport from this park and ride site.

For Option 9b, more information will be required concerning any other proposals that might arise from the DCC transport modelling studies and whether any other options for alternative parking/travel arrangements might be offered across the district.

Table 9: Issue 12 - Local centres

Issues in relation to:	Partial review Issues & Options Impact		
	Option 12a	Option 12b	Option 12c
Age	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Disability	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Gender	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Social inequalities	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Compatible	Unknown

Notes

Option 12a would offer the continuation of the current approach set out in PLP1 (the defined local centres as detailed in Policy LD: General location of development) and this approach would not lead to any major change.

Option 12b would identify facilities to safeguard and, as these would be existing facilities, the provision identified would not be likely to lead to any significant change.

Option 12c would involve the development of criteria against which to judge future planning applications. Such criteria have not yet been produced and it is therefore uncertain precisely *where* such *future* local facilities might be developed in Purbeck - this aspect makes the assessment of any impact uncertain at this stage.

Table 10: Issue 13 – affordable housing delivery

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review Issues & Options Impact		
	Option 13a	Option 13b	Option 13c
Age	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender re-assignment	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

Option 13a: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty of where affordable housing might be delivered by this proposal. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of affordable housing were to be delivered within the main settlements.

Option 13b: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty of where affordable housing might be delivered by this proposal. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered at settlement extensions outside of the main settlements this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of affordable housing were to be delivered within the main settlements.

Option 13c: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty of where affordable housing might be delivered by this proposal. If a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of affordable housing were to be delivered within the main settlements.

Table 11: Issue 14 – Self / custom build housing

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review: Issues & Options Impact				
	Option 14a	Option 14b	Option 14c	Option 14d	Option 14e
Age	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Gender re-assignment	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

Notes

Option 14a: The assessment of 'unknown' relates to the uncertainty of where self / custom build housing might be delivered by this proposal. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of self / custom build housing was to be delivered within the main settlements. No specific sites have yet been identified and more information will be required to enable a more detailed assessment.

Option 14b: The assessment of 'unknown' relates to the uncertainty of where self / custom build housing might be delivered by this proposal. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of self / custom build housing was to be delivered within the main settlements. A range of potential settlement extension options are currently under consideration and a more detailed assessment can be provided following confirmation of the preferred sites.

Option 14c: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty concerning whether this approach would be viable and, if so, where the self / custom build housing might be delivered. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of self / custom build housing were to be delivered within the main settlements. It is not clear *where* land would be purchased under this proposed approach.

Option 14d: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty of where self / custom build housing might be delivered by this proposal. The Council owns very little land and no specific sites have yet been identified. More information will be required to enable a more detailed assessment.

Option 14e: The assessment of ‘unknown’ relates to the uncertainty of where self / custom build housing might be delivered by this proposal. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of self / custom build housing were to be delivered within the main settlements. This approach might not be capable of satisfying the government’s intentions. More information concerning the location of development will be required for a more detailed assessment.

Table 12: Issue 15 – Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review: Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 15a	Option 15b
Age	Unknown	Unknown
Disability	Unknown	Unknown
Ethnicity	Unknown	Unknown
Faith or belief	Unknown	Unknown
Gender	Unknown	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Unknown	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Unknown	Unknown
Social inequalities	Unknown	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Unknown	Unknown

Notes:

Option 15a: The assessment ‘unknown’ reflects uncertainty of whether this proposal would be viable in development terms and, if so, where such ‘a proportion of settlement extensions’ would be located. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of Gypsy and Traveller sites were to be delivered within the main settlements.

Option 15b: The assessment ‘unknown’ reflects the uncertainty of where such new sites might be located – as this would be likely to directly affect the assessment. For example, if a high percentage were to be delivered outside of the main towns this would produce a different assessment than if the majority of Gypsy and Traveller sites were to be delivered within the main settlements.

Table 13: Issue 16 – Country park and tourist accommodation at Morden

Issues in relation to:	Partial Review: Issues & Options Impact	
	Option 16a	Option 16b
Age	Potential for conflict	Unknown
Disability	Potential for conflict	Unknown
Ethnicity	Compatible	Unknown
Faith or belief	Compatible	Unknown
Gender	Compatible	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Compatible	Unknown
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Unknown
Social inequalities	Potential for conflict	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Potential for conflict	Unknown

Notes:

Option 16a has been identified to hold some potential for conflict as this site is located within an isolated rural area, which would be likely to require access by motor vehicles. This could have negative implications for social inequalities, age, disability and rural isolation.

Option 16b has been assessed as unknown because the requirement for a strategic SANG will remain, but no other site option has yet been identified.

Comments on EqIA

80. In undertaking the assessment, it is important to note that existing adopted policies in the PLP1 will continue to apply. These policies are taken into consideration in the EQIA, for example, design related policies such as lifetime homes and building for life that will ensure that the Purbeck Local Plan policies will continue to be compatible with the equality areas of age and disability.
81. It is important to bear in mind that the Partial Review of PLP1 will be addressing a number of policies. For example, the Partial Review Issues and Options consultation document includes options in relation to meeting the accommodation needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople in accordance with the equality area of ethnicity.
82. The Purbeck towns represent the most self-contained settlements in Purbeck. Therefore, allocating development at such locations would help to reduce the conflict with equalities issues and rural isolation. This is why some options score better in terms of compatibility with issues of age, disability, social inequalities and rural isolation. In terms of the settlement extensions, the more dispersed the sites are, the more potential conflict there will be with equalities issues. This is due to the reduced accessibility, for example, for disabled people, older people and young people without access to cars. There is also potential conflict with providing sites in more dispersed locations from the point of view of social equalities with the well-documented higher cost of living in rural locations (the need for at least one car for working households and the increased cost of utilities, combined with lower wages). Where settlement extension sites are larger and located at larger settlements, this will enable the delivery of benefits including sustainable access to local facilities in the town or local centre, particularly by public transport.
83. Any settlement extension sites identified will need to support a mix of housing to meet the identified needs. PLP1 Policy D: Design sets out requirements in relation to Lifetime Homes and Building for Life Standards. Under current policies, any settlement extensions identified will need to provide 40 or 50% affordable housing to meet the needs of those identified in housing evidence (including young and old people in affordable housing need). The needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling show people communities will also be considered through the Partial Review Issues and Options consultation document.
84. New development and the provision of service and facilities within the town centres are compatible with all of the equality areas. In particular, improved provision within town centres would help to reduce the need for residents to travel elsewhere which could conflict with a number of equality areas in terms of access to suitable transport and service / facility provision.
85. The cost of utilities means that energy saving and energy generation measures should be considered in all development proposals, especially to address fuel poverty and social inequalities in a rural district. Such measures should be included in the Sustainability Appraisal as part of the objective to reduce the consumption of natural resources.

Action planning recommendations

86. The Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review options assessed in the EQIA are generally compatible with the equality areas, although some options have been assessed as 'unknown' at this stage. This assessment assumes that the adopted policies in PLP1 will be fully taken into account when detailed development schemes are considered by the Council at the planning application stage. It also assumes that the emerging policies in the Partial Review of PLP1 will be progressed and adopted to ensure that equality needs, for

example, those of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople community, will be met over the plan period. Recommendations are therefore as follows:

- Ensure that adopted Purbeck Local Plan policies are rigorously applied when preparing development brief scoping reports and determining detailed development schemes at the planning application stage.
- Ensure that emerging policies in the Partial Review of the PLP1 are fully progressed and adopted to ensure that all equality needs are addressed.

Q8. Why undertake a HIA?

87. According to government guidance, there are a range of issues that could be considered through the plan-making and decision-making processes, in respect of health and healthcare infrastructure. These include how development proposals can support strong, vibrant and healthy communities and help create healthy living environments which should, where possible, include making physical activity easy to do and create places and spaces to meet to support community engagement and social capital.
88. Guidance states that the local plan should promote health, social and cultural wellbeing and support the reduction of health inequalities, providing opportunities for healthy lifestyles (active travel and physical activity, access to healthier foods, high quality open spaces and opportunities for play, sport and recreation (<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/health-and-wellbeing/what-is-the-role-of-health-and-wellbeing-in-planning/>))
89. The following table sets out the main principles of health and healthcare, and shows how these will be addressed through the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review, the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Equalities Impact Assessment and the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Sustainability Appraisal.

HIA for Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review options

Table 14: Health Impact Assessment

Main principles of health and healthcare	Relevant Partial Review options:	Relevant SA Objective(s):	Relevant EqIA Areas:
Strong, vibrant and healthy communities	All	All	All
Easy-to-do physical activity	All	Promote services and facilities where need identified. Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking & use of public transport.	All
Places to support community engagement	All	Promote services and facilities where need identified. Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking & use of public transport.	All
Social and cultural well-being	All	All	All
Reduction in health inequalities	All	All	All
Access to healthy lifestyles	All	All	All

Appendix 1: Monitoring of attendees

Name of consultation event			
Venue			
Time of consultation			
About you			
Are you?	Male/Female (Please delete one)		
Your Postcode			
Please tick your age group			
10 – 19 years		60 – 69 years	
20 – 29 years		70 – 79 years	
30 – 39 years		80 – 89 years	
40 – 49 years		90+ years	
50 – 59 years			
Please indicate your employment status			
Employed		Unemployed	
Retired		Primary Carer	
Student			
Was the timing of this event convenient for you?			
Yes		No	
If not what time would be most convenient?			
Is the venue for the drop-in consultation convenient and suitable?			
Yes		No	
If no, what are your main concerns?			
Do you have any other comments about the consultation?			



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