

Reviewing the Plan for Purbeck's future

Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review
Equalities Impact Assessment and Health
Impact Assessment, 2016



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Executive Summary

1. This Equalities Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment is published alongside the Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review Options consultation document (June 2016). The Options consultation will run for 9 weeks between June and August 2016.
2. This report is presented in two parts:
 - Part 1 sets out an Equalities Impact Assessment of the 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 preferred and alternative options presented in the Partial Review 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 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 Options (June 2016) Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Part 1 – EqIA of Communications and Engagement Strategy

Q1. What is the title of the strategy, policy, service or review?	
4. The Partial Review Options (June 2016) Communications and Engagement Strategy	
5. Which Officers are involved in the EqIA?	Anna Lee, Planning Policy Manager Sue Bellamy, Senior Planning Officer Cari Wooldridge, Planning Officer
6. Date of Assessment.	May 2016
7. What are you impact assessing?	The Partial Review Communication and Engagement Strategy and Options (June 2016) Consultation Action Plan
8. Existing/New/ Changing / /Revision	New & revision
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	
<p>10. All of the following Purbeck District Council corporate priorities for 2013 – 2018 are relevant to the Partial Review:</p> <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. 	
Aims and objectives of the strategy	
<p>11. To ensure that all residents and businesses in Purbeck have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be informed about the Partial Review Preferred Options consultation; and • make an informed response in the appropriate manner. 	

<p>12. To consult effectively with local people on plan making and to achieve high levels of quality community engagement and customer satisfaction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>14. This Options (June 2016) consultation is the second stage of consultation for the Partial Review. The consultation identifies preferred and alternative options for the location of new housing, new shops and additional employment land.</p>
<p>Q3. Who will it have an impact on e.g. public, visitors, staff, members, and partners?</p>
<p>15. The main impact of the Options 2016 consultation will be on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purbeck residents; • Purbeck service users; • Businesses operating in Purbeck and neighbouring areas.
<p>Q4. Are there any potential barriers to implementing changes to your strategy, e.g. capacity or financial issues?</p>
<p>16. None are anticipated.</p>
<p>Q5. Who will be involved in implementing this strategy?</p>
<p>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 Town and Parish Council workshops.</p> <p>18. The project is supported by the Planning Policy Manager and the General Manager.</p> <p>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, are jargon free and supplemented with appropriate images.</p>
<p>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?</p>
<p>Current available data</p> <p>Population</p>

20. The current population of Purbeck is 45,680¹ up from 44,600 a decade ago and this is expected to grow by six per cent to 48,835 by 2033².

Age profiles

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 & Wales³.

Socio-economic classifications

23. Around 6% of the population claim 'Key out of work benefits' in Purbeck, compared to 10% nationally⁴.

Access

24. Only 33% of Purbeck residents live in urban areas compared with 82% in England and Wales.⁵
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 Wales⁶.
26. The number of people travelling to work by public transport is low at 2% compared to 11% nationally⁷.

Housing

27. There are 22,129 dwellings in Purbeck⁸, of which 19,600 are occupied⁹.
28. House prices are 11.4 times higher than average earnings in Purbeck, compared with 6.59 higher for England¹⁰.
29. Around 3% of Dorset dwellings are second homes/holiday homes compared to the 7% in Purbeck.

Economic activity

¹ Source: 2014 mid-year population estimates <https://apps.geowessex.com/stats/Topics/Topic/Population>

² Purbeck SHMA Summary 2015

³ 2011 Census of population

⁴ 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

⁵ ONS Mid year population estimates 2012

⁶ 2011 Census of population

⁷ 2011 Census of population

⁸ 2011 Census of population

⁹ 2011 Census of population

¹⁰ Lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings DCLG 2012 provisional

30. Purbeck has around 16,100 employees¹¹. Around 20% of the population are retired compared to almost 14% across England and Wales¹².
31. 47% work in knowledge–driven industries, compared to 51% regionally and 53% nationally.
32. Average gross weekly earnings are £442 compared to £519 for England and Wales¹³.

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

¹¹ BRES 2012. ONS

¹² 2011 Census - % of population aged 16-74

¹³ Annual survey of hours & earnings 2013 ONS

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 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 Arial 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 Options consultation document, to answer questions, explain the complexities of the consultation and advise on how to respond to the consultation.
43. All consultation documents and supporting material 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.

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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 policies where necessary.	

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

56. The main impact of the 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.

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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:

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Type of housing

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Economic activity

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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 Wales²⁵.

73. Around 20% of the population are retired compared to almost 14% across England and Wales²⁶.

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.

¹⁸ 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

¹⁹ ONS Mid year population estimates 2012

²⁰ 2011 Census of population

²¹ 2011 Census of population

²² 2011 Census of population

²³ Lower quartile house price to lower quartile earnings DCLG 2012 provisional

²⁴ BRES 2012. ONS

²⁵ Annual survey of hours & earnings 2013 ONS

²⁶ 2011 Census - % of population aged 16-74

75. Previous EqlAs undertaken in Purbeck have included a range of equality 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 Options (June 2016) consultation document sets out a series of issues to be addressed by the Partial Review, and also presents a preferred option and alternative options for future development in the district.
78. The following nine equality areas are used in a matrix to determine whether the Partial Review preferred options and alternative 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 Options

Plan Period: Preferred Option 1

Summary: The partial review will cover the period up to 2033. This reflects Paragraph 157 of the NPPF which prefers a 15-year time horizon; the Strategic Housing Market Assessment’s timescale to 2033; and Neighbouring council’s planning to 2033.

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

Comment: The preferred option relating to the length of the plan period is unlikely to impact negatively on equalities and will help to achieve a more coherent strategic planning strategy within Purbeck and with neighbouring planning authorities. There are no alternative options to the Preferred Option.

Meeting objectively assessed housing needs:

Preferred Option 2 and Alternative Option 1

Summary: The partial review aims to deliver objectively assessed housing needs for the district in accordance with the requirements of the NPPF.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact	
	Preferred Option 2	Alternative Option 1
Age	Compatible	Unknown
Disability	Compatible	Unknown
Ethnicity	Compatible	Unknown
Faith or belief	Compatible	Unknown
Gender	Compatible	Unknown
Gender reassignment	Compatible	Unknown

Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Unknown
Social inequalities	Compatible	Unknown
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Unknown

Comment: The Preferred Option would ensure that objectively assessed housing needs for the district are met within the district. The impacts of Alternative Option 1 are ‘unknown’ as it is unclear whether adjacent council areas will have an unmet housing need and if so whether Purbeck will have any capacity to provide for extra need.

Development Strategy: Policy LD

Summary: The PLP will direct development towards the most sustainable locations in the district, in accordance with a clearly defined hierarchy.

Comment: No changes are proposed to this PLP1 policy through the Options 2016 consultation. EQIA is not required.

Development Strategy: Preferred Option 3

Summary: A new infrastructure-led approach with a focus on sustainable locations, wherever possible.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Preferred Option 3
Age	Potential Conflict
Disability	Potential Conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Potential Conflict
Rural Isolation	Potential Conflict

Comment: Preferred Option 3 proposes some development at the towns with a focus on sustainable locations. Growth is also focussed around the larger villages where there are some local facilities. The option includes sites that would support the provision of infrastructure to enable sustainable development. Potential conflict is identified where access to wider facilities

and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel (particularly from the villages to the towns) and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Development Strategy: Alternative Option 2

Summary: Maximise housing in south-west Purbeck, with any shortfall of the housing target being met in line with Policy LD of the adopted Purbeck District Local Plan.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Alternative Option 2
Age	Potential Conflict
Disability	Potential Conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Potential Conflict
Rural Isolation	Potential Conflict

Comment: Alternative Option 2 proposes some development at the towns with a focus on sustainable locations. Growth is also focussed around the larger villages where there are some local facilities. The option includes sites that would support the provision of infrastructure to enable sustainable development. Potential conflict is identified where access to wider facilities and services such as town centres, education and healthcare would require more significant travel (particularly from the villages to the towns) and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Development Strategy: Alternative Option 3

Summary: Maximise housing in north-east Purbeck, with any shortfall of the housing target being met in line with Policy LD of the adopted Purbeck District Local Plan.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Alternative Option 3
Age	Potential Conflict

Disability	Potential Conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Potential Conflict
Rural Isolation	Potential Conflict

Comment: Alternative Option 3 proposes some development at the towns with a focus on sustainable locations. Growth is also focussed 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 (particularly from the villages to the towns) and this would be more likely to impact on the groups specified.

Development Strategy: Possible Additional Option

Summary: This option would set out the scope for suitable settlement boundaries to be 'rounded off' thereby enabling some additional windfall development across the district.

Comment: This possible additional option is not detailed enough at this stage to undertake an EQIA which will be undertaken at the next stage subject to its inclusion and more detailed information.

Development Strategy: Possible Alternative Site

Summary: The possible alternative site would provide a new village to the south of Lytchett Minster.

Comment: The possible alternative site is not detailed enough at this stage to undertake an EQIA which will be undertaken at the next stage subject to its inclusion and more detailed information.

Employment: Preferred Option 4

Summary: Allocate additional employment land (for B-class uses) at Holton Heath Trading Park, Sandford Lane Industrial Estate, and Corfe Castle Depot. An amendment will also be made to the safeguarded employment area at Dorset Green.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Preferred Option 4				
	Dorset Green Technology Park – amended site boundary to match Enterprise Zone	Expansion of Holton Heath Trading Park	French’s Farm, Upton	Expansion of Sandford Lane Industrial Estate	Corfe Castle Depot
Age	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Disability	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict
Rural Isolation	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Compatible	Potential Conflict

Comment: All of the above sites were assessed in the Partial Review Issues and Options Equality Impact Assessment. The assessments remain the same for all employment sites except Dorset Green Technology Park which, if delivered alongside the housing options and transport mitigation now proposed at Wool, would see employment provision that has reduced issues relating to disability, social inequalities and rural isolation. The scoring for these issues has therefore altered from ‘potential conflict’ to ‘compatible’.

Holton Heath 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).

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

The Sandford Lane Industrial Estate 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.

The Corfe Castle Depot is located in a rural setting close to a key service village. Accessibility by public transport is more limited than other sites.

Retail: Preferred Option 5

Summary: Support the delivery of up to 600sqm (net) additional floor space through small-scale local food shops provided as part of proposed housing allocations at Wool, Lytchett Minster and Wareham.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Preferred Option 5
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: The provision of small-scale local food shops as part of the proposed housing developments at Wool, Lytchett Minster and Wareham Town would not raise any issues.

Heathland Mitigation: Preferred Option 6

Summary: Residential, tourist and some equestrian-related development will not be allowed within 400m of an internationally-protected heath, but development will be allowed between 400m and 5km of a heath as long as impacts can be mitigated.

Comment: After due consideration as part of the partial review process, this matter is not being proposed for amendment as part of the Options document. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to carry out EQIA at this time.

Norden Park and Ride: Preferred Option 7

Summary: There is a case for expanding this site in order to continue to ease congestion on the A351 and demand for parking in Corfe Castle and Swanage and to provide replacement car parking which is likely to be lost at Studland due to coastal erosion.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Preferred Option 7
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: The expansion of Norden Park and Ride is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Policy AH: Affordable Housing

Summary: Updates to percentage requirements and thresholds in Policy AH will be made in accordance with new viability evidence.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Amended Policy AH
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: The amendments to Policy AH are unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Policy RES: Rural Exception Sites

Summary: Updates to the market housing and affordable housing split allowed on rural exception sites in Policy RES will be made to reflect new viability evidence.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Amended Policy RES
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: The amendments to Policy RES are unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Policy AHT: Affordable Housing Tenure

Summary: Updates to tenure requirements in Policy AHT will be made in accordance with the new SHMA.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Amended Policy AHT
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: The amendments to Policy RES are unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Self-Build Housing: Preferred Option 8

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Amended Policy AHT
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: Preferred Option 8 is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Policy HM: Housing Mix

Summary: A new policy on housing mix will be added to provide for families with children and older people, and to provide an allowance for 5% self-build housing.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact New Policy HM
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: New policy HM is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Care Home – Preferred Option 9: Sites 19 & 20

Summary: Allied to the policy on Housing Mix, there is an identified need for new institutional housing (residential care) in Purbeck so 2 potential sites are being advanced for consideration as part of the Preferred Options. These sites are Bovington Middle School and Keyworth Drive / Camp Farm, Sandford.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Site 19	Options Impact Site 20
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

Comment: Sites 19 & 20 are unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople: Preferred Option 10

Summary: The Council’s preferred option in future is to prepare a criteria-based policy to allow sites for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people to come forward, subject to fulfilling certain criteria.

Comment: It is not considered necessary to carry out an EQIA at this time.

Morden Country Park: Preferred Option 11

Summary: Allocate land at Morden for public open space and around 80-100 holiday chalets subject to agreement of a delivery mechanism for the strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG).

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Preferred Option 11
Age	Potential for conflict

Disability	Potential for conflict
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Potential for conflict
Rural Isolation	Potential for conflict

Comment: This preferred option is likely to have 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.

Open Space and Green Infrastructure: Preferred Option 12

Summary: The Council's preferred option is to consider open space and green infrastructure provision on each of the proposed housing sites on a case by case basis and to develop further detail on open space requirements for each site as the Partial Review progresses.

Comment: It is not considered necessary to carry out an EQIA at this time.

Policy CCMA: Coastal Change Management Areas

Summary: A new policy will identify Coastal Change Management Areas (CCMAs) to take account of the predicted rates of shoreline change and make clear what development will be allowed in them.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact New Policy CCMA
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: New policy CCMA is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Policy OD: Occupational Dwellings in the Countryside

Summary: A new policy will set out the criteria against which applications for rural workers’ dwellings will be considered.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact New Policy OD
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Potential for conflict

Comment: New policy OD may have potential for conflict in terms of rural isolation due to the nature of the development to which it relates.

Policy SUDS: Sustainable Drainage Systems

Summary: A new policy will set out the circumstances where particular sustainable drainage systems would not be appropriate.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact New Policy SUDS
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible

Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: New policy SUDS is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Revision to existing policy CF: Community Facilities and Services

Summary: Changes clarify examples of community facilities and clarify that any development that generates its own pressures for community facilities and services should be delivered on site in the first instance.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy CF
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: Revised policy CF is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Revision to existing policy CO: Countryside

Summary: Minor clarifications and an allowance for non-rural exception site housing development in settlements without a settlement boundary.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy CO
Age	Compatible

Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Potential for conflict

Comment: Revised policy CO may have potential for conflict in terms of rural isolation due to the nature and location of development to which it relates.

Revision to existing policy D: Design

Summary: Updates to reflect changes in the Housing Standards Review. Includes a new requirement for 10% of sites of 11 or more units to be accessible and adaptable.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy D
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Potential for conflict

Comment: Revised policy D is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Revision to existing policy FR: Flood Risk

Summary: Various updates and clarifications to reflect national guidance.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy FR
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: Revised policy FR is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Revision to existing policy REN: Renewable Energy

Summary: Various updates and clarifications.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy FR
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: Revised policy REN is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Revision to existing policy TA: Tourist Accommodation and Attractions

Summary: Changes to wording to allow greater flexibility and strengthening of policy.

Issues in relation to:	Options Impact Revised Policy TA
Age	Compatible
Disability	Compatible
Ethnicity	Compatible
Faith or belief	Compatible
Gender	Compatible
Gender reassignment	Compatible
Sexual Orientation	Compatible
Social inequalities	Compatible
Rural Isolation	Compatible

Comment: Revised policy TA is unlikely to result in any conflicting impacts.

Comments on EqIA

80. In undertaking the assessment, it is important to note that existing adopted policies in the PLP1 will continue to apply. The Partial Review of PLP1 will be addressing a number of policies and revisions to existing policies. For example, the Partial Review Options consultation document includes an option to prepare a criteria based policy in relation to meeting the accommodation needs of gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople in accordance with the equality area of ethnicity.
81. The Purbeck towns and large villages 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. In terms of the settlement extensions, the more dispersed the sites are, the more potential conflict there will be with equalities issues, accessibility and rural isolation. 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.
82. Any settlement extension sites identified will need to support a mix of housing to meet the identified needs (new Policy HM). PLP1 Policy D: Design will be amended to reflect changes brought about through the Housing Standards Review and includes a new requirement for 10% of sites of 11 or more units to be accessible and adaptable. In accordance with amended policy AH: Affordable Housing, settlement extensions 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).
83. New development and the provision of service and facilities within the town centres and as part of the settlement extensions 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.

84. 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

85. The Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review preferred and alternative options assessed in the EQIA are generally compatible with the equality areas, although some options have been assessed as having some 'potential conflict' or 'unknown' impacts 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 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?

86. 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.
87. 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).
88. 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 document

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	<p>Promote services and facilities where need identified.</p> <p>Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking & use of public transport.</p>	All
Places to support community engagement	All	<p>Promote services and facilities where need identified.</p> <p>Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car & encourage cycling, walking & use of public transport.</p>	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

Who Are You?

To help us monitor who we are managing to engage with we would be grateful if you could place a dot in the appropriate category and give us your comments on post-it notes

Male			Female		
Your Postcode		BH19 3		BH21 4	
BH16 5		BH20 4		DT2 7	
BH16 6		BH20 5		DT2 8	
BH19 1		BH20 6		DT11 9	
BH19 2		BH20 7			
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			Self employed		
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?					

Full comments should be made on-line at <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/Purbeck-partial-review> or by post to: Planning Policy Team, Purbeck District Council, Freepost RSAX-LTRK-TRKE, Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PP. **Please leave any initial thoughts here:**



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