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**By email only**

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Dear Ms Doward,

**Purbeck Local Plan**

Thank you for your letter of the 22 October 2021 in respect to the examination of the Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034). This letter has been prepared in response to your correspondence which asked the council to consider its position around five-year housing land supply (as presented in 'Proposed Main Modifications 2020; 5 Year Housing Land Supply' which the council published in November 2020 as part of the consultation on proposed Main Modifications) and an indicative timescale for consultation on further proposed Main Modifications to Policies V2 and I5.

As you have noted the Council has previously asked you to confirm a five-year housing land supply through the local plan examination. Noting the time needed to update the position presented in the most recent 5-year housing land supply report, and the resulting delay to the examination of the local plan, I can confirm on behalf of Dorset Council that the approach you have suggested in your letter is acceptable. I therefore formally request that you prepare a report based on the housing land supply information that is already before you. The Council notes that you would not be able to confirm a five-year housing land supply for the Purbeck area through the local plan examination process.

We are making final preparations for a consultation on further proposed Main Modifications and intend to proceed based on the indicative timescale presented below. This timescale may be subject to change and is dependent on finalising the outstanding consultation documents with the relevant interested parties. The Council proposes:

- to begin consultation on the further proposed Main Modifications on 29 November 2021;
- that the consultation would end on 17 January 2022 (the consultation period exceeds the 6 weeks as an allowance for the Christmas holidays); and
- to prepare a consultation response document (summarising representation) at the end of the consultation period and then send this document (together with all representations) to the Planning Inspector for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Garrity  
Head of Planning

