

Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1

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Summary of the Sustainability Appraisal scoping

This sustainability appraisal scoping report takes as its starting point the original scoping report for the Purbeck Local Plan, which the Council published in 2005 and has updated regularly since.

The sustainability appraisal is a process to ensure that plans and strategies are as sustainable as possible and that we have assessed alternatives, including what the situation would be if we had no plan in place.

We are carrying it out because the Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 will include housing allocations and a number of new policies or revision of existing policies. This is significant enough to require a sustainability appraisal.

The key sustainability issues for Purbeck are the shortage of affordable housing; low paid jobs; economic growth; access to facilities and services in the more remote settlements; pressure from tourism on transport infrastructure; flood risk through coastal change, surface water run-off, and fluvial and tidal flooding; and pressure on protected habitats.

There are nine sustainability objectives that we will use to assess the Partial Review:

- Meet as much of the district's housing need as possible.
- Promote services and facilities where need is identified.
- Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen opportunities to improve local wages.
- Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport.
- Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change, and adapt to climatic changes.
- Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity.
- Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, & cultural and historical assets.
- Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources.

1 Introduction

Purpose of this document

The purpose of a scoping report is to identify the issues that we need to take into account when we do a sustainability appraisal of the Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (PLP1). The purpose of a sustainability appraisal is to ensure that plans and strategies are as sustainable as possible and that we have assessed all possible alternatives.

Although the sustainability appraisal is a process of assessment, we also produce reports that set out the findings from our assessments how we have changed the plan in response to the assessments.

Legislation for sustainability appraisals and strategic environmental assessments

Sustainability appraisals of planning documents became a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). The output of a sustainability appraisal is the final sustainability report. It should include social, economic and environmental considerations. Most of the environmental considerations are taken from strategic environmental assessments (SEA).

Strategic environmental assessments are required by European Directive EC/2001/42. This directive was transposed into UK law by the Environmental Assessment Regulations for Plans and Programmes (July 2004).

The output for a strategic environmental assessment is an environmental report which will include baseline information and a prediction of the environmental impacts of the plan. The report will also identify options and alternatives, with emphasis on consultation and monitoring.

Further guidance called 'A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive' (ODPM, 2005) merged this process to allow for a single joint appraisal to be carried out. Therefore, where reference is made to the sustainability appraisal (or SA), it refers to **both** processes.

2 Methodology for the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Stage A)

There are five stages within Stage A, as follows:

Stage A1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes

This stage identifies environmental, social and economic objectives contained in other plans, programmes and policies that are most relevant to Purbeck. It also includes those that may not seem directly relevant but that ensure that we cover SEA requirements.



Stage A2: Collecting baseline data

This stage summarises or expands on some of the data from Stage A1. It also takes any other relevant data available. It is set out as follows: Social Data, Economic Data, Environmental Data.



Stage A3: Identifying sustainability issues and problems

This stage lists the key issues and problems raised in parts A1 and A2 and identifies their sources.



Stage A4: Developing the sustainability appraisal framework for Purbeck

This stage orders the issues into relevant themes. It then turns these themes into questions that we propose to use to assess draft options and policies. We also set out the monitoring framework to measure our success in achieving sustainable development.



Stage A5: Consulting on the scope of the SA

This stage ensures that the SA objectives will cover the likely significant effects of the plan. The three statutory consultees are English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Natural England.

3 Sustainable Development

The most commonly accepted definition of sustainable development is: ‘...development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs’ (Brundtland Commission, 1987).

The UK government strategy for sustainable development, ‘Securing the Future’, states that its aim is: ‘to enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations.’

The five guiding principles for sustainable development are:

- Living within environmental limits
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
- Achieving a sustainable economy
- Promoting good governance
- Using sound science responsibly

4 Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (2017 – 2031)

What we are proposing for Purbeck

The purpose of the Partial Review is to:

- Explore the potential for higher housing growth from 2017 onward
- Undertake a strategic Green Belt review
- Review the strategy for heathland mitigation
- Review policies that are not effective
- Review mapping of non-statutory policies on the proposals map.

The PLP1 has been through the SA process. The purpose of this report is NOT to reassess this, but to assess the next step, which is the Partial Review of the PLP1. The first stage of this assessment is the scoping report, which will look at all the relevant issues and data and come up with a framework with which to assess the Partial Review.

Main points

The table below is not exhaustive, but indicates some of the main objectives identified.

1. Work with other local councils in Dorset to establish housing needs and employment needs and the strategy for delivery.
2. Explore potential locations for development in Purbeck and allocate sites for housing growth to meet needs from 2017 onwards.
3. Consider extension of plan period from 2027 to 2031.
4. Undertake a strategic Green Belt review to consider the use of safeguarded land for longer term growth.
5. Work with rural landowners to prepare joined up plans for the estates.
6. Review settlement boundaries and town centre boundaries.
7. Review other detailed 'non statutory' policies on proposals maps.
8. Consider review of existing PLP1 policies that are not effective.
9. Review the heathland mitigation strategy to establish if it is fit for purpose, or whether there is an alternative mitigation strategy for Purbeck.
10. Identify retail needs and find sites to meet them.

The timetable for the Partial Review

Our Local Development Scheme (February 2013) sets out the following summary and timetable for the Partial Review:

Partial Review	
Summary	
Purpose:	To review parts of the PLP1 and explore the potential for higher housing growth. It will also cover policy that was too detailed for inclusion in PLP1, such as reviewing the settlement boundary and town centre boundary.
Geographic Coverage:	District-wide.
Status:	Development Plan Document.
Conformity:	General conformity with National Planning Policy Framework and parts of PLP1. Some content will need coordination with the Swanage Local Plan and neighbourhood plans.
Joint Document:	No.
Milestones	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commence January 2013 ▪ Options consultations Autumn 2014, Autumn 2015 (if required) ▪ Pre-submission Autumn 2016 ▪ Submission to SoS Spring 2017 ▪ Examination Summer 2017 ▪ Inspector's report Autumn 2017 ▪ Adoption Late 2017

5 List of plans, programmes and policies (Stage A1)

Stage A1: Identifying other relevant policies, plans and programmes

This stage identifies environmental, social and economic objectives contained in other plans, programmes and policies that are most relevant to Purbeck. It also includes those that may not seem directly relevant but that ensure that we cover SEA requirements.

Appendix A sets out the details of each assessment.

National and International Documents	Theme
National Planning Policy Framework	Cross-cutting
PPS25 Practice Guidance	Flooding
Bathing Water Quality Directive 76/1670/EEC	Water pollution
Nitrates Directive 91/676/EEC	Water pollution
Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC	Water pollution
Bern Convention and EC Directive 92/43/EEC	Habitat
Bonn Convention and EC Directive 79/409/EEC	Habitat
Air Quality Framework Directive	Air pollution
Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC	Noise pollution
Renewable Energy Directive	Renewable energy

Local Documents	Theme
Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Planning Purbeck's Future	Cross-cutting
Purbeck Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule	Cross-cutting
Swanage Local Plan	Cross-cutting
Arne Neighbourhood Plan	Cross-cutting
Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan	Cross-cutting
Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan	Cross-cutting

Bournemouth Local Plan Core Strategy	Cross-cutting
Christchurch & East Dorset Core Strategy	Cross-cutting
North Dorset Local Plan Part 1	Cross-cutting
Borough of Poole Core Strategy and Partial Review	Cross-cutting
Design Supplementary Planning Document	Design
Dorset Heathlands Joint Development Plan Document	Habitat
Economic Development Strategy	Employment
Purbeck Employment Land Review parts 1, 2 and 3	Employment
Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Local Economic Assessment	Employment
Purbeck Tourism Strategy	Employment (tourism)
Poole & Christchurch Bays Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2)	Climate change
Purbeck Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Climate change
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (part 2: Character Area Development Potential)	Housing
Purbeck Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (part 3: submitted sites)	Housing
Strategic Housing Market Assessment and update Purbeck summary report	Housing
Purbeck Housing Strategy	Housing
Residential Development Economic Viability Assessment and update	Housing
Community Infrastructure Levy and Development Viability Assessment	Housing
Purbeck Housing Needs Survey	Housing
Implications of Additional Growth Scenarios for European Protected Sites	Housing
Dorset AONB Management Plan	Landscape and heritage
Purbeck Landscape Character Assessment and management guidance areas outside the AONB	Landscape and heritage
Purbeck Green Belt Review	Landscape and heritage

Dorset Landscape Change Strategy	Landscape and heritage
Purbeck Heritage Strategy	Landscape and heritage
Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Management Strategy	Landscape and heritage
Purbeck townscape character appraisals	Landscape and heritage
Purbeck conservation area appraisals	Landscape and heritage
South East Dorset Green Infrastructure Strategy	Recreation
Sport & Recreation Audit and Assessment	Recreation
Joint Retail Assessment - Christchurch Borough Council, East Dorset District, North Dorset District Council, Purbeck District Council	Retail
Retail Impact Assessment and retail consultants' statements	Retail
South East Dorset / Purbeck Transportation Strategy	Transport and accessibility
Local Transport Plan 3	Transport and accessibility
Purbeck Preliminary Transport Assessment	Transport and accessibility
Dorset Diamond – Purbeck LDF Development Impact Testing	Transport and accessibility

6 Baseline data (Stage A2)

Stage A2: Collecting baseline data

This stage summarises or expands on some of the data from Stage A1. It also takes any other relevant data available. It is set out as follows: Social Data; Economic Data; Environmental Data.

Purbeck in context: social data

Social data (from 'Purbeck in Profile' ¹ , unless stated otherwise)	Purbeck	Dorset (d) or Nationwide (n)
General population statistics		
Population ²	45,289	
% of population aged 65 and over ³	24%	16% (n)
% of retired residents	28%	19.5% (n)
% increase in population between 2001 and 2011	1.4%	7.8%
Birth rate in 2009 per 1000 population ⁴	8.4	12.9 (n)
Death rate in 2009 per 1000 population ⁴	10.5	9 (n)
% of population of Black or Minority Ethnic Groups (BME) ⁵	6.9%	5.9% (d) 15.8% (n)
% of 16 – 74 year olds with no qualifications	27%	
% of people with higher level qualifications (degree or equivalent)	23%	30% (d)
Community life		
% of residents satisfied with their area as a place to live	91%	
Total crime rate 2009/2010 per 1000 population	44.3	53.3 (d) 87 (n)

¹ <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=157162&filetype=pdf>

² Mid 2012 (ONS) <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/pop-estimate/population-estimates-for-england-and-wales/mid-2012/mid-2012-population-estimates-for-england-and-wales.html>

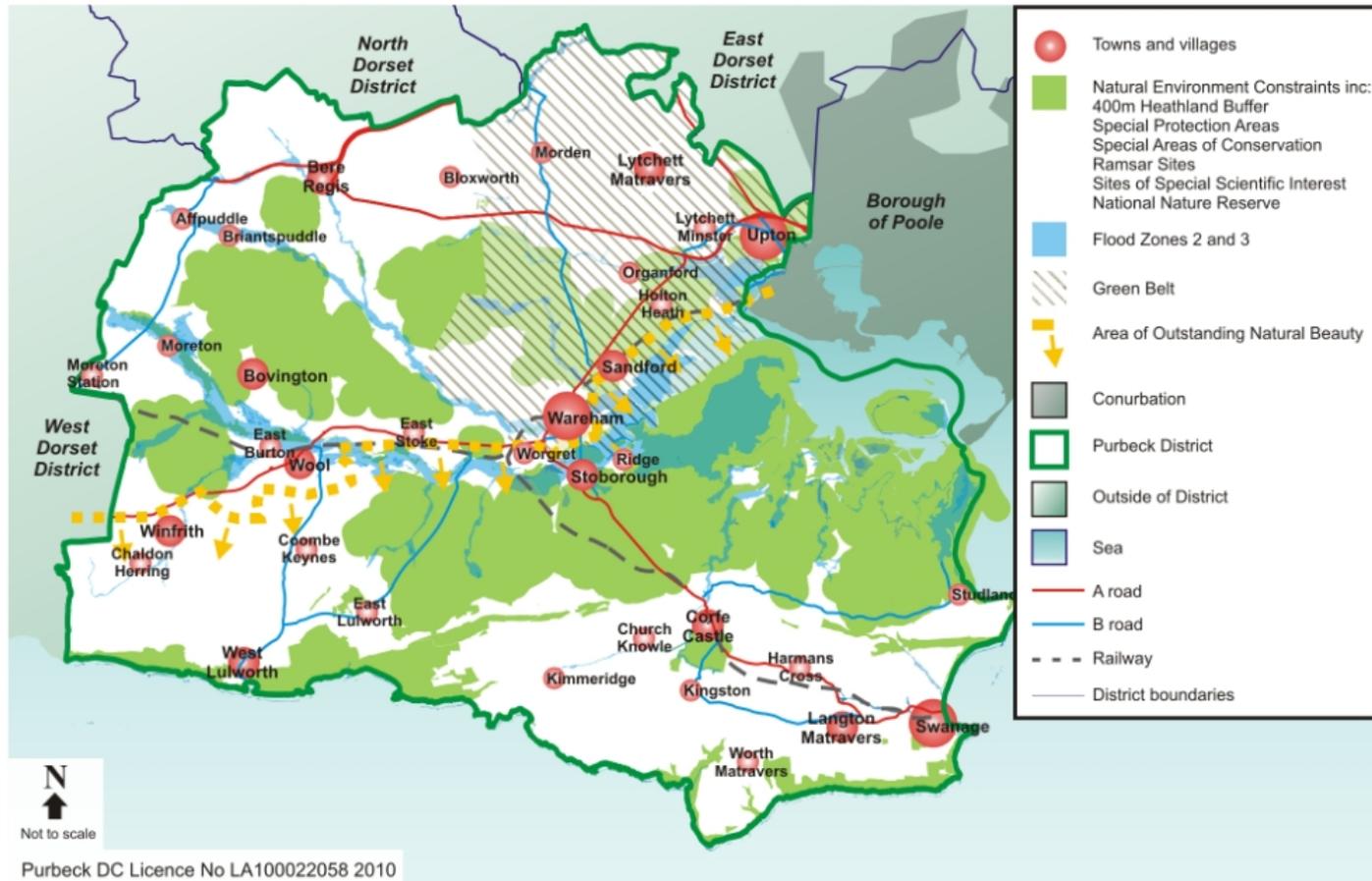
³ <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/census-2011>

⁴ <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/knowningpurbeck>

⁵ Source: Research Matters (2008) <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/media.jsp?mediaid=133263&filetype=pdf>

The map below (taken from the PLP1) sets out Purbeck in context. In particular, it illustrates the number of designations in Purbeck, for example natural environment constraints, flood zones, Green Belt and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Purbeck in context (from Purbeck Local Plan Part 1)



Purbeck in context: housing needs

The PLP1 states that average wages in Purbeck are 9% lower and average house prices are 19.4% higher than national figures, which makes market housing unaffordable to local people.

The PLP1 has a housing target of 2,520 dwellings over the plan period (120 dwellings per year). The 2013 Office of National Statistics (ONS) household projections show a need for 130 dwellings per annum⁶ between 2011 and 2021. As stated in Appendix A, our Strategic Housing Market Assessment recommends provision of 170 dwellings per year (of which 40% should be affordable), but this has not been tested against the Habitats Regulations.

In the PLP1, the Council deliberately planned for fewer homes than were identified in the SHMA on the basis that there was no certainty that growth over 2,520 dwellings would satisfy the Habitats Regulations. At the examination of the PLP1, the Council offered to undertake a partial review of the PLP1 to investigate the potential for higher growth and the Inspector concluded that this was a sound approach. The majority of affordable housing need in Purbeck is for rental properties.

The Council's most recent housing register data below show current applications for affordable housing (dated 1st July 2013).

Emergency band ⁷	4
Gold band ⁸	85
Silver band ⁹	283
Bronze band ¹⁰	798
Bronze band no local connection	843
Total number of live applications	2011

(Of which, general needs	1303
Sheltered housing	708)

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-household-projections>

⁷ Where the applicants need for housing is so exceptional that they take priority over all other applicants.

⁸ These households have a high priority to move, examples of which include needing two additional bedrooms, or suffering severe or persistent harassment

⁹ These households have an identified housing need, such as the need for an additional bedroom.

¹⁰ The majority of these households may have no local connection with the Purbeck area. Alternatively, they may be assessed as having deliberately worsened their circumstances; or at the time of their application, they are considered to be adequately housed; or as owner occupiers they have sufficient equity to obtain suitable alternative accommodation

In the last 10 years, 241 affordable homes have been completed in the Purbeck. There are a further 84 affordable homes that have planning permission, but are yet to be built.

Purbeck in context: economic data

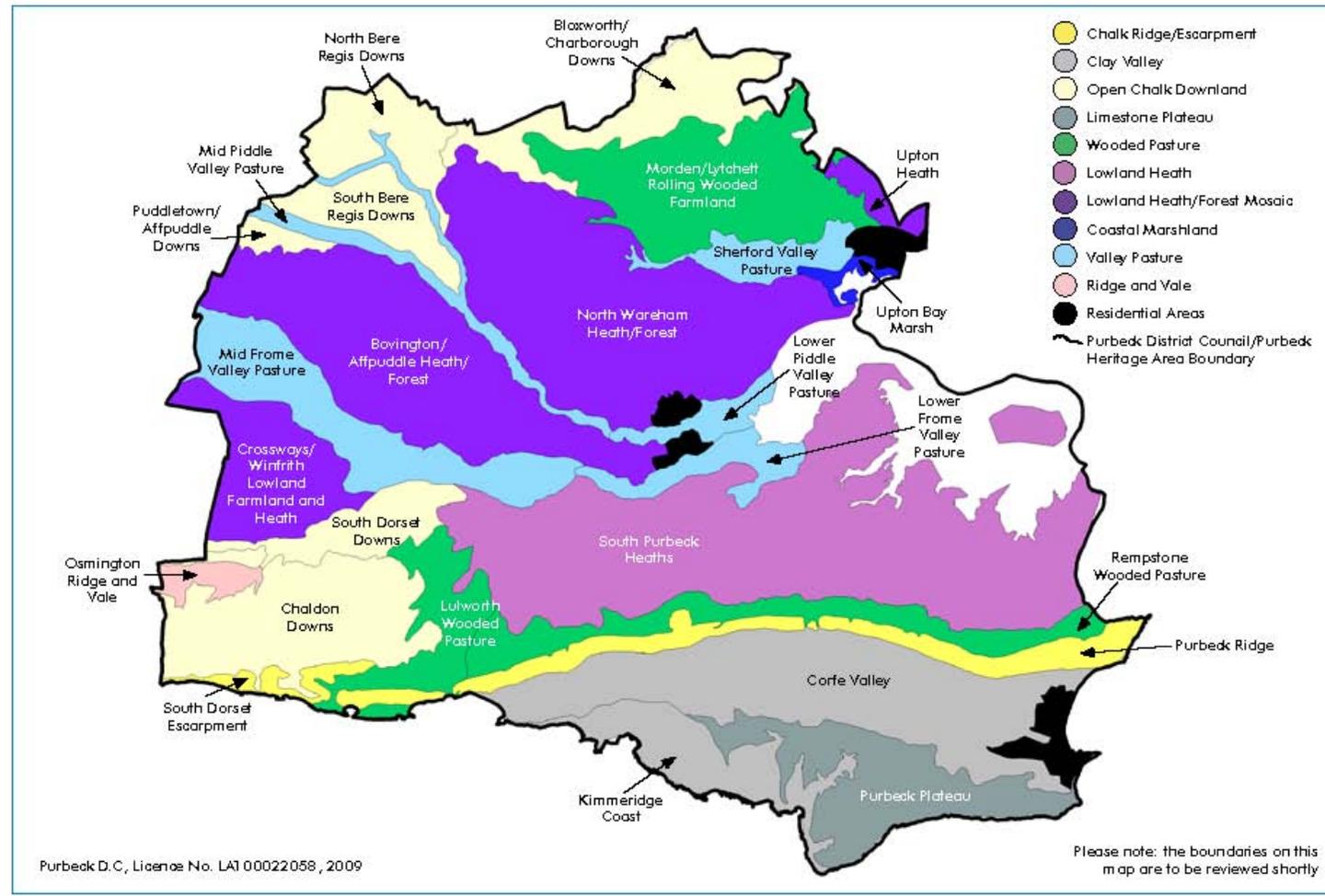
Economic data (from 'Purbeck in Profile', unless stated otherwise)	Purbeck	Dorset or Nationwide
Work	Comparators where available	
% unemployed	1.9%	4% (n)
Average weekly wage	£440	£447 (d) £491 (n)
% of claimant count in 2009	1.9%	4% (n)
Socio-economic classifications: modest means ¹¹	0.1%	9% (d)
Socio-economic classifications: hard pressed ¹⁰	6.6%	9% (d) 22% (n)
% of population living in households dependent on benefits ¹⁰	14%	14.3% (d)
% of workforce employed in 'knowledge driven' sector	47%	51% (n)
% of employees in leisure and tourism sector	14%	
Accessibility	Comparators where available	
% of households without a car	16%	
% of households within 30 mins by public transport from a GP	82%	85%
% of households within 30 mins by public transport from a shop	93%	
% of households without access to an hourly bus service	34%	
% of villages with no general store	68%	

Purbeck in context: environmental data

¹¹ Community profiles: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/knowingpurbeck>

Environmental data (from ward data, unless stated otherwise)	Purbeck	Dorset or Nationwide
Biodiversity	Comparators where available	
% covered by nature designations	28%	
Landscape and heritage	Comparators where available	
% covered by AONB	57%	
Conservation areas	25	
Pollution and natural resources	Comparators where available	
% river water rated good	100%	
Waste		
% of all domestic waste generated in Purbeck that is recycled	47%	
Annual tonnes of waste per resident to landfill	0.25	

The district is split into several landscape character areas:

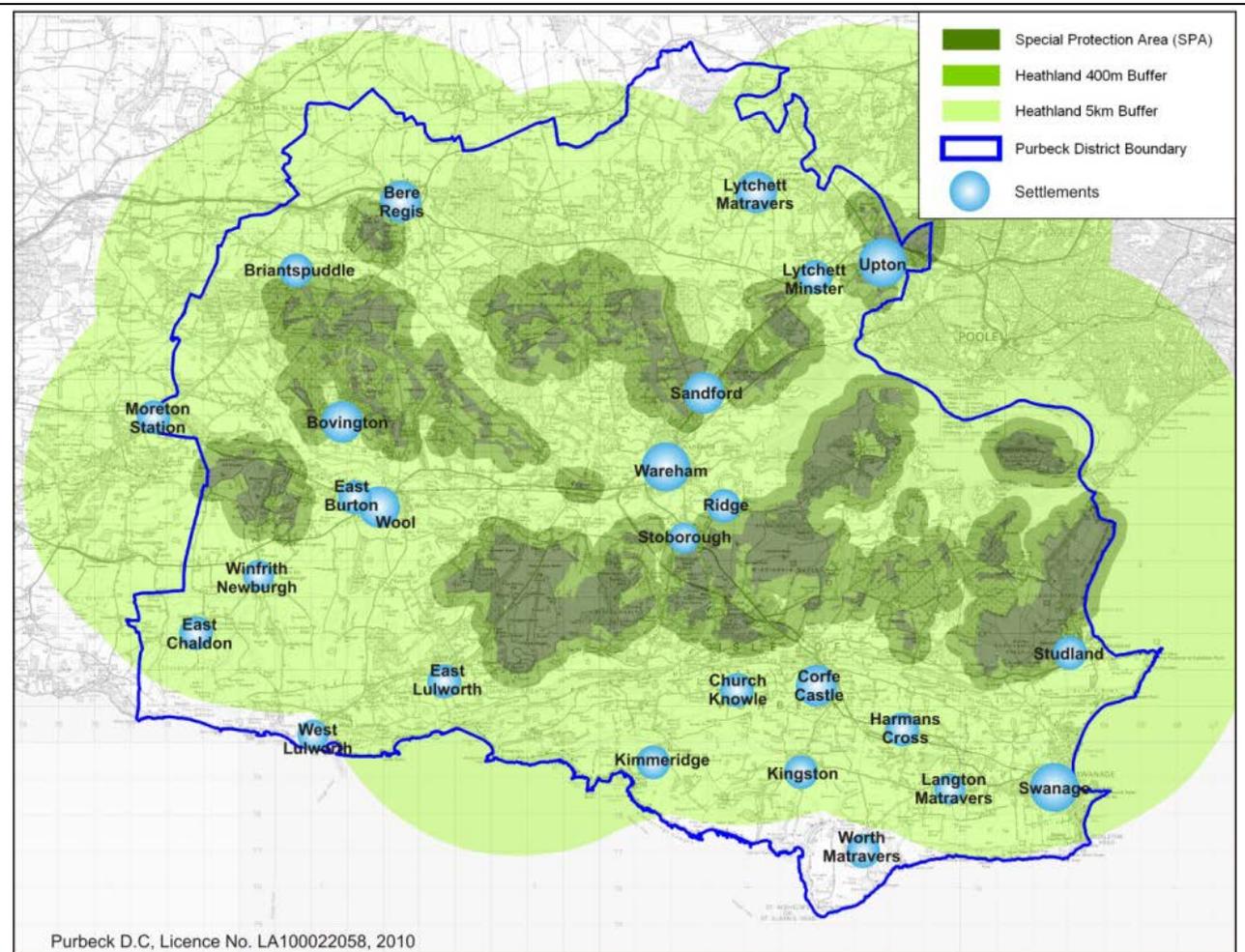


The Landscape Character Assessment (non-AONB) and the Landscape Character Assessment & Management Guidance for the Dorset AONB concluded that all character areas are between moderate, stable and good condition with the exception of North Bere Regis Downs and Upton Heath, which are moderate/poor. The urban fringe around Swanage is judged as weak in character, as is the South Purbeck Heaths. This is because of land uses that are eroding local character.

Purbeck in context: Heathlands

The adjacent map illustrates the significant proportion of the District that is covered by heathland. Impacts upon heathland can arise from cumulative pressures known as 'urban effects'. No new residential development is allowed within 400m of a heathland. All residential development and tourist accommodation within 400m - 5km of the heathlands must provide mitigation measures in accordance with European Directives.

In Purbeck, the South East Dorset Heathlands Supplementary Planning Document lists projects and collects financial contributions from development to provide mitigation measures such as alternative green spaces. The emerging Dorset Heathlands Joint Development Plan Document will provide the mitigation strategy. From April 2014, the Community Infrastructure Levy will be the mechanism by which the Council will collect financial contributions.



Townscape

The Council's townscape character assessments note a number of key issues with the district's larger settlements:

- Bere Regis – busy traffic through the village
- Bovington – fragmented development and low quality character of the village centre
- Corfe Castle – traffic through the village
- Lytchett Matravers – lack of a strong sense of local distinctiveness
- Swanage – some visual intrusion from the edges, in particular from mobile home parks
- Upton – weak centre
- North Wareham – limited character and local distinctiveness
- Wareham – some uncharacteristic development and weak northern entrance
- Wool – traffic and railway crossing through the village

7 Identifying main sustainability issues in Purbeck (Stage A3)

Stage A3: Identifying sustainability issues and problems

This stage lists the key issues and problems raised in parts A1 and A2 and identifies their sources.

Taking into account the above findings, the main issues and opportunities that face Purbeck are:

Issues and opportunities	Sub-theme	Main Sources
Social		
Issue of insufficient affordable housing.	Housing	Housing register; all town and parish plans; PLP1; Purbeck in Profile; Strategic Housing Market Assessment
Issue of high numbers of second homes and holiday homes.	Housing	PLP1; Purbeck in Profile; town and parish plans
Issue of concerns over too many flats and not enough family housing.	Housing	Housing Strategy; town and parish plans; emerging Swanage Local Plan; PLP1
Opportunity to choose from the large amount of land submitted by landowners for potential development throughout Purbeck.	Housing	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
Issue that much of the district is within 400 metres of heathland and cannot be built on. All housing will need to contribute towards heathland mitigation. Opportunity for Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs).	Housing	PLP1; Heathlands SPD and emerging DPD
Issue that residents value their local services and would like to retain them.	Community services & facilities	Purbeck Local Plan Part 1; town and parish plans
Issue that rural villages need new and improved community facilities.	Community services & facilities	PLP1; Purbeck in Profile; town and parish plans
Issue that Purbeck has an increasingly ageing population.	Community services & facilities	PLP1

Issues and opportunities	Sub-theme	Main Sources
<i>Economic</i>		
Issue that wages are lower than county and national averages.	Work	PLP1; Purbeck in Profile
Issue that wages in tourism can be low and are seasonal.	Work	PLP1
Opportunities for economic growth in advanced engineering; environmental technology; creative industries; and extending the tourism season.	Work	Economic Development Strategy
Issue that traffic congestion is a big problem on some roads and through some settlements, particularly in the summer.	Accessibility & transport	PLP1; town/parish plans; Purbeck in Profile; transport strategies
<i>Environmental</i>		
Issue that some settlements, for example Swanage, are particularly vulnerable to climate change and coastal change.	Flood risk & coastal erosion	Shoreline Management Plan, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
Issue that much of the district is covered by nature designations and development puts pressure on them. Opportunities to improve them through mitigation measures.	Biodiversity & geodiversity	PLP1; Heathlands SPD
Access to nature is an important factor for many residents and visitors. Opportunity to improve this, whilst at the same time reducing disturbance to sensitive wildlife sites.	Biodiversity & geodiversity	PLP1; ward data
Issue that in some instances, the edges between settlements and the countryside are poor.	Landscape & heritage	Townscape character assessments; landscape character assessment (AONB and non-AONB)
Issue of a lack of town centre at Upton. Opportunity to create one.	Landscape & heritage	PLP1; Plan for Lytchett Minster and Upton; townscape character appraisal
Issue that much of the district contains important and sensitive landscape, for example Heritage Coast and part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.	Landscape & heritage	PLP1; Landscape character assessment (AONB and non-AONB); Green Belt Review
Issue that some landscape characters are in poor condition.	Landscape & heritage	Landscape character assessment (AONB and non-AONB)
Issue that some parts of the district would benefit from improved green infrastructure provision	Accessibility, biodiversity & geodiversity, recreation, landscape & heritage	PLP1; South East Dorset Green Infrastructure Strategy

8. Developing the SA framework for the Partial Review (Stage A4)

Stage A4: Developing the sustainability appraisal framework for Purbeck

This stage lists orders the issues into relevant themes.

The next step is to take the issues listed above and order them according to theme. We then develop an objective related to the theme. We will use this objective to measure policies, strategies and site allocations in the Partial Review.

Issue (theme)	SA Objective based on issue identified
<i>Social</i>	
Housing	Meet as much of the district's housing need as possible.
Community services and facilities	Promote services and facilities where need is identified.
<i>Economic</i>	
Work	Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities.
Accessibility and transport	Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport.
<i>Environmental</i>	
Flood risk and coastal erosion	Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change, and adapt to climatic changes.
Biodiversity and geodiversity	Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity.
Landscape and heritage	Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, & cultural and historical assets.
Pollution and natural resources	Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources.

All the themes identified in the SEA and the SA guidance must be considered in the SA framework. These are as follows:

SA Theme	SEA Theme (Annex 1 f of SEA Guidance)	SA Theme
Social		
Housing	Population, human health, material assets	Social inclusion, economic development
Community services and facilities	Human health	Social inclusion, economic development
Economic		
Work	Human health, cultural heritage	Economic development
Accessibility and transport	Human health, air, climatic factors	Social inclusion, economic development
Environmental		
Flood risk and coastal change	Climatic factors, human health	Economic development
Biodiversity and geodiversity	Biodiversity, flora and fauna, soil	
Landscape and heritage	Cultural heritage, inc. architectural & archaeological heritage	
Pollution and natural resources	Climatic factors, soil, air, water, human health	Economic development, social inclusion

9. What the SA will look for when assessing the options (Stage A4)

Stage A4: Developing the sustainability appraisal framework for the Partial Review

This stage turns themes into questions that we propose to use to assess draft options and policies.

The next step is to take each objective and turn it into a question. We can use these questions to assess all the options we are dealing with.

Assessing the options – types of questions we can ask when assessing the options against SA objectives These are not exhaustive, but designed to prompt ideas when assessing the options.
Housing
Does the policy/plan/project/site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide a suitable housing mix? • help provide family housing?
Community services and facilities
Does the policy/plan/project/site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assist in the provision of a service or facility for which there is an identified need? • assist in the retention of a service or facility? • help address needs of elderly residents?
Work
Does the policy/plan/project/site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilitate higher waged job provision? • help to improve Purbeck's economy?
Accessibility and transport
Does the policy/plan/project/site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help everyone access basic facilities and services? • reduce the need to travel by car? • make public transport, cycling and walking easier and more attractive?

Assessing the options – types of questions we can ask when assessing the options against SA objectives
These are not exhaustive, but designed to prompt ideas when assessing the options.

- maintain or enhance the quality and extent of public rights of way and recreational open space?

Flood risk and coastal change

Does the policy/plan/project/site:

- reduce vulnerability to flooding?
- reduce vulnerability to coastal erosion?
- take into account areas at risk from fluvial or coastal flooding?

Biodiversity and geodiversity

Does the policy/plan/project/site:

- protect and enhance habitats and species?
- recognise and enhance strategic wildlife corridors, including green infrastructure?
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Landscape and heritage

Does the policy/plan/project/site:

- protect and/or enhance the existing landscape and townscape?
- value and protect distinctiveness and increase resilience to climate change?
- maintain and enhance cultural and historical assets?

Pollution and natural resources

Does the policy/plan/project/site:

- promote renewable energy?
- promote energy efficiency?
- minimise pollution?

10. Monitoring SA outcomes (Stage A4)

Stage A4: Developing the sustainability appraisal framework for Purbeck

This sets out the monitoring framework to measure our success in achieving sustainable development.

Type of indicators required	Targets (to be refined as consultation evolves)	Source of Data
Housing: Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible.		
Indicators of success in providing suitable and affordable housing, particularly for local needs	Provision of additional housing	Purbeck District Council Planning Policy and Housing Teams
Community services and facilities: Facilitate provision of identified need		
Indicators of success in providing access to learning, training, skills, and cultural activities.	Provision/enhancement of community services and facilities, both built and natural.	Purbeck District Council Planning Policy Team
Work: Improve employment opportunities in Purbeck		
Indicators of success in improving employment opportunities in Purbeck.	Additional employment and retail facilities.	Purbeck District Council Planning Policy Team
Accessibility and transport: Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking, and use of public transport		
Indicators of success in helping everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking, and use of public transport.	Provision of transport opportunities and improved accessibility in accordance with the Purbeck Transportation Strategy.	Dorset County Council
Flood risk and coastal erosion: Reduce vulnerability to flooding and plan for climate change		
Indicators of success in reducing vulnerability to flooding and that plan for climate change, improve coastal protection and limit loss of property.	No additional housing built in areas at risk of flooding No additional housing built in areas at risk of coastal erosion	Environment Agency Purbeck District Council's district engineer

Type of indicators required	Targets (to be refined as consultation evolves)	Source of Data
	All new surface water drainage applications in coastal areas to meet the requirements of the Council's district engineer	
Biodiversity and geodiversity: Protect and enhance habitats and species		
Indicators of success in protecting and enhancing habitats, species and geodiversity	No adverse impact on Special Areas of Conservation No adverse impact on Special Protection Areas No adverse impact on SSSIs designated for geological value	Natural England Purbeck District Council Planning Policy Team
Landscape and heritage: Protect and enhance the landscape and townscape of Purbeck		
Indicators of success in protecting and enhancing Purbeck's landscape Indicators of success in protecting Purbeck's townscapes	Provision of robust and defensible settlement boundaries within which to focus development Additional planting and landscaping Net increase in green infrastructure	Purbeck District Council Planning Policy Team
Pollution and natural resources: Minimise all forms of pollution and use of resources		
Indicators of success in the reduction of waste, energy consumption and water Indicators of success in the reduction of land, water, air, light, and noise pollution	% of rivers having good biological quality % of rivers having good chemical quality No 'Air Quality Management Areas'	Dorset County Council Research and Information section Purbeck District Council Environmental Health team

11. Consultation (Stage A5)

Stage A5: Consulting on the scope of the SA

This stage ensures that the SA objectives will cover the likely significant effects of the plan. The three statutory consultees are English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Natural England. Appendix C sets out their responses and what we included in this scoping report following the consultees' comments.

Appendix A

Review of Key Documents: international and national documents

Title of the document	Summary of the document	Key objectives/ requirements of the document	Implications and Actions for Swanage Local Plan	Actions for the SA	How has this been addressed in SA?
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012	Guiding planning policy to achieve sustainable development which will enable people to enjoy a good quality of life without compromising the quality of life for future generations.	All planning policy-related objectives are included in the NPPF. Almost all of them are relevant to Purbeck, in particular housing, promoting town centres, the economy, and addressing flooding and climate change.	The purpose of the Partial Review must be the achievement of sustainable development and in accordance with NPPF.	Ensure the priorities are the backbone of the SA: sustainable consumption and production, climate change and energy, protection of natural resources and sustainable communities.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with topics within each issue.
PPS25 Practice Guidance	Although the PPS is no longer valid, chapter 3 of the practice guidance backs up flood risk guidance set out in the NPPF above.	An updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is required, which must take into account the above document.	The Partial Review must be in accordance with flood risk guidance contained within the PPS25 practice guidance and within the NPPF above.	The SFRA needs updating to ensure that it can feed into the SA.	SFRA will be updated before we undertake further work on the Partial Review.
Bern Convention (1979) 92/43/EEC	To ensure the conservation of European wildlife and natural habitats by means of cooperation between states.	Conserve wild flora and fauna and their natural habitats. Protect endangered migratory species. Promote education and disseminate information on the need to conserve species of wild flora and fauna and their habitats.	The Partial Review must ensure relevant habitats are protected and enhanced. See Baseline Data (above) for more details.	Ensure that SA Framework includes objective to protect habitat.	SA framework includes habitat protection

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Bonn Convention (1979) 79/409/EEC	To ensure the conservation of migratory species of wild animals worldwide.	To provide immediate protection for migratory species included in Appendix 1. To conclude Agreements covering the conservation and management of migratory species listed in Appendix 2.	The Partial Review must ensure that relevant habitats are protected and enhanced. See Baseline Data (above) for more details.	Ensure that SA Framework includes objective to protect habitat.	SA framework includes habitat protection
Air Quality Framework Directive 96/62/EC (99/30/EC) (2000/69/EC) (2002/3/EC)	Controls levels of certain pollutants and monitors their concentrations in the air.	Provides limit values for a number of air pollutants which are continually monitored. Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) indicate areas where air quality targets may not be met.	The Partial Review must minimise the adverse environmental, social and economic effects of air pollution.	The SA framework must minimise the adverse environmental, social and economic effects of air pollution through specific objectives.	SA framework includes an objective to minimise pollution.
Environmental Noise Directive (2002/49/EC)	Framework for noise policy, based on shared responsibility between the EU, national and local level.	Production of strategic noise maps to inform the public about noise exposure and its effects, and to draw up action plans. 'Strategic noise maps' for major roads, railways, airports and agglomerations.	The Partial Review will need to take noise pollution into account when making proposals and policies.	Noise pollution needs to be addressed through the SA Framework.	SA framework includes an objective to minimise pollution.

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Bathing Water Quality Directive (76/1670/EEC)	Bathing water in England is monitored against specific standards.	Standards should not exceed 10,000 total coliforms per 100 millilitres (ml) of water 2,000 faecal coliforms per 100ml of water 95% of samples must meet these standards, as well as a range of other criteria.	The Partial Review should be aware of the standards and the impact that planning might have on water quality.	Water pollution needs to be addressed through the SA Framework.	SA framework includes objective to minimise pollution.
Nitrates Directive (91/676/EEC)	Measures to reduce nitrogen release to controlled waters.	Prevention of eutrophication and water pollution, protection of human health and ecosystems. Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) designated in vulnerable sites.	The Partial Review should be aware of these and of the effect of agricultural practises.	Water pollution needs to be addressed through the SA Framework.	SA framework includes objective to minimise pollution.
Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EEC)	Integrated river basin management for Europe.	Cleaner rivers and lakes, groundwater and coastal beaches. 33 substances identified that will be controlled, 11 of which are priorities for removal from controlled waters.	The Partial Review should be aware of its role in managing water resources.	SA should include objectives on saving water and using and disposing of water in a sustainable fashion.	SA framework includes objective to minimise pollution and use of natural resources.

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Renewable Energy Directive (2001/77/EC)	Directive aims to promote a substantial increase in the proportion of electricity generated from renewable energy sources across the European Union by 2010.	Increase the share of electricity produced from renewable energy sources (RES) in the EU to 22.1 per cent by 2010 (up from 15.2 per cent in 2001). EU RES target of overall energy consumption of 12 per cent by 2010.	The Partial Review should encourage the production of energy from Renewable Energy Sources (RES).	The SA must contain an objective to promote renewable energy whenever this is possible.	SA framework includes objective to minimise pollution and to adapt to climate change.

Review of key documents: local documents

Title of the document	Summary of the document	Key objectives/ requirements of the document	Implications and Actions for the Partial Review	Actions for the SA	How has this been addressed in SA?
<i>Cross-cutting themes</i>					
Purbeck Local Plan Part 1: Planning Purbeck's Future (2012)	This document is the spatial plan for the whole of Purbeck.	Policies on housing, employment and retail supply as well as development policies for all aspects of planning, such as community facilities, flood risk, landscape, transport and so on.	The Partial Review will need to be in line with this overarching strategy.	The SA must ensure that all the relevant objectives contained within the Local Plan Part 1 are addressed.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with topics within each issue. All of these overlap with the policies set out in the Local Plan Part 1.
Purbeck Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (emerging)	Sets out the contributions from development that must be paid to provide supporting infrastructure (such as transport and schools) in Purbeck.	To set out priorities for the infrastructure identified in the Infrastructure Plan that the Council will spend collected monies on.	Any new or revised policy requirements will have to be viable, taking into account the requirements of CIL.	The SA must ensure that CIL is taken into account.	SA framework addresses social and economic issues, both of which are related to the CIL's objectives.
Swanage Local Plan (emerging)	To cover specific issues in Swanage.	Will identify sites in Swanage for housing, employment, shopping and open space etc. as proposed in the PLP1.	The Partial Review and the Swanage Local Plan will need to conform to one another.	The SA must ensure that all the relevant objectives contained within the Swanage Local Plan are addressed.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with topics within each issue. All of these overlap with the objectives of the Swanage Local Plan.

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Arne Neighbourhood Plan (emerging)	To cover specific issues in Arne.	To be determined through public consultation.	The Partial Review and the Arne Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform to one another.	The SA must ensure that all the relevant objectives contained within the Arne Neighbourhood Plan are addressed.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with four main topics within each issue. All of these overlap with the objectives of the Arne Local Plan.
Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan (emerging)	To cover specific issues in Bere Regis.	To direct housing growth, SANGs, employment, community facilities and school relocation.	The Partial Review and the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform to one another.	The SA must ensure that all the relevant objectives contained within the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan are addressed.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with four main topics within each issue. All of these overlap with the objectives of the Bere Regis Local Plan.
Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan (emerging)	To cover specific issues in Lytchett Matravers.	To be determined through public consultation.	The Partial Review and the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan will need to conform to one another.	The SA must ensure that all the relevant objectives contained within the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan are addressed.	SA framework addresses social, economic and environmental issues, with four main topics within each issue. All of these overlap with the objectives of the Lytchett Matravers Local Plan.
<i>Climate change</i>					

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Poole & Christchurch Bays Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2) (2010)	High-level, large-scale document that assesses risk of coastal erosion. Divides the coast into areas that need to be protected from further erosion and areas that do not need to be.	The plan sets out policies for dealing with coastal erosion in the area, setting out areas for ‘holding the line’, i.e. protecting them from coastal erosion, or ‘no active intervention’, i.e. allowing them to erode.	Any strategic growth or other policies will need to take into account the Shoreline Management plan.	The SA will need to ensure that the guidance within the Shoreline Management plan is followed.	SA framework includes: reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change, and adapt to climatic changes.
Purbeck Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) (2011)	This covers the whole of Purbeck and identifies areas vulnerable to flood risk.	Gives guidance on how to take flood risk into account and shows where the most vulnerable areas are. It is updated regularly to ensure conformity with Environment Agency flood maps.	The Partial Review needs to ensure that each potential site is assessed for flood risk and risk of flooding elsewhere.	The SA will need to ensure that all sites and policies take into account coastal, tidal, groundwater and surface water flooding.	SA framework: reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change, and adapt to climatic changes.
<i>Design</i>					
Design SPD (emerging)	To provide advice for developers about designing development that will fit with in the local character in Purbeck.	To provide advice on design for visual appearance of buildings, development in historical environment and taking account of wildlife, e.g. bats, birds and trees.	Ensure that any potential development takes into account the Design SPD.	The SA will need to ensure that the guidance within the Design SPD is followed.	SA framework addresses social and environmental issues, which are relevant to the Design SPD.
<i>Employment</i>					

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Economic Development Strategy (2013)	It aims to improve the local economy and infrastructure a way that is consistent with the unique environment of Purbeck. It also identifies land use implications and business support requirements, therefore influencing the Partial Review.	Supporting: broadband; knowledge-based businesses; mentoring; development of workspace; implementing the Purbeck transport strategy; and working jointly with the LEP.	Ensure that the Partial Review takes into account identified land use implications and business support requirements.	The SA will need to ensure that the guidance within the Economic Development Strategy is followed.	SA framework addresses economic issues, which are relevant to the Economic Development Strategy.
Purbeck Employment Land Review stages 1, 2 (2010) and 3 (emerging)	A 'stock take' of existing employment sites and allocated sites, an assessment of future needs and requirements, and the identification of a portfolio of new sites.	Evaluate existing employment sites, create a picture of future requirements and identify new sites.	Ensure that the Partial Review takes into account employment land requirements.	The SA will need to make sure that guidance within the ELR is followed.	The SA framework addresses social and economic issues.

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Bournemouth , Dorset & Poole Local Economic Assessment (2011)	Consolidates a range of economic evidence into a single assessment. It provides a robust evidence base to assist decision makers and local communities in identifying the actions and strategies needed to support future economic growth.	Provide an understanding of the economic geography in the area and how it affects the well-being of residents and businesses; identify economic linkages at the local, regional and national level; identify the strengths and weaknesses of the local economy; flag up local economic challenges and opportunities; set out an evidence base which can be used or tailored to individual needs.	Sustainable economic growth should be a priority.	The SA will need to make sure that guidance within the LEA is followed.	The SA framework addresses social and economic issues.
Purbeck Tourism Strategy (2008)	Strategy sets out aims & actions, giving examples of how the Council and those working in tourism can achieve the aims.	3 strategic aims: maintain current visitors and recruit new ones; improvement infrastructure and personnel skills; protect the environment through awareness of climate change & sustainable tourism practises.	Protection of the environment through sustainable tourism practices should be a priority.	The environmental aims of the strategy overlap well with aims set out in other documents. The SA will need to take account of the importance of tourism.	The SA framework includes harnessing the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities.
<i>Habitat</i>					

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South East Dorset Heathlands SPD (2012) and Dorset Heathlands Joint DPD (emerging)	Collects contributions from development to provide mitigation measures to protect heathland and lists projects. Will eventually be a DPD, detailing the strategy. CIL will be the mechanism for collecting contributions, when it is adopted in 2014.	So far, contributions have been used to create Upton Woods open space to take pressure off Upton Heath and other heathlands.	The contributions will apply to most residential across the district.	The SA must ensure that the Partial Review includes heathland mitigation to take pressure off European protected sites.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing habitats and species and local geodiversity.
<i>Housing</i>					
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (part 2: Character Area Development Potential) (updated annually)	Highlights potential areas for windfall, known as Character Area Potential. The study estimates this could deliver around 660 homes (44 per annum over the plan period 2006 – 2027).	The document is a piece of evidence to demonstrate the potential contribution to housing numbers through windfall.	If the Partial Review introduces a revised housing target, the Council will need to ensure that it takes account of the contribution that can be made from character area potential.	The SA must ensure that the Partial Review takes into account the contribution from character area potential.	SA framework includes an objective to provide suitable mix of housing.

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Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (part 3: submitted sites) (continually updated)	This document is divided up according to spatial area and sets out all land submitted by landowners for potential housing development	The document is a piece of evidence to demonstrate that we have enough land for development should we require it.	A range of sites has been submitted across all spatial areas in Purbeck.	If any of the sites are taken forward for consultation they will need to be assessed against the SA framework.	Many of these sites will be assessed against the entire SA framework.
Strategic Housing Market Assessment and update Purbeck Summary Report (2011)	The document sets out how many houses Purbeck should provide as well as how many should be market or social housing.	The SHMA recommends an annual housing target of 170 dwellings, of which 40% should be affordable (all tenures). These figures are based on historic trends. The SHMA acknowledges that this figure has not been tested against the Habitats Regulations.	One of the key objectives of the Partial Review will be to meet housing needs.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework includes an objective to provide suitable market and affordable housing.

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Purbeck Housing Strategy (2013)	An action plan across the whole of the District with over 50 actions under three main headings.	An action plan to meet three main objectives: increasing the supply of housing to help satisfy local needs; deliver high quality housing; and maximise return on public investment.	The first objective is particularly relevant, and actions within this, which include keeping the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment up-to-date, and looking at suitable sites for rural exception sites.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework includes an objective to provide suitable market and affordable housing.
Residential Development Economic Viability Assessment & update (2011)	Recommends affordable housing thresholds and levels of contributions.	To recommend viable affordable housing thresholds and levels of contributions to inform development plan policies.	The Partial Review will need to make sure the recommendations of the assessment are up-to-date and that development is still viable at the PLP1 policy requirements.	Make sure that any reviewed adopted affordable housing policies are viable.	SA framework addresses social and economic issues.
Community Infrastructure Levy and Development Viability Assessment (2013)	Makes recommendations on an appropriate level of CIL to be introduced in Purbeck.	To undertake an assessment of economic viability with a view to setting a CIL rate(s) for the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy, for both residential and non-residential development.	The Partial Review will need to make sure the recommendations of the assessment are up-to-date and that development is still viable at the PLP1 policy requirements.	Make sure that any reviewed adopted affordable housing policies are viable.	SA framework addresses social and economic issues.

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Purbeck Housing Needs Survey (2006)	Assesses housing requirements in terms of the provision of market housing and affordable housing.	To establish the district's housing needs.	The Partial Review will need to make sure that housing needs are met.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework addresses social issues.
Implications of Additional Growth Scenarios for European Protected Sites (2010)	Considers the potential impacts on European protected species of additional levels of higher housing growth scenarios in Purbeck.	Tests five scenarios range from 2650 to 4360 total dwellings across the district, plus a) 1000 houses at Wool or b) 500 houses to the west of Wareham or c) 500 houses at Lytchett Minster.	The Partial Review will need to consider the impacts of any growth options on European protected sites.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review allocates housing sites whose impacts on European protected sites can be satisfactorily mitigated.	SA framework addresses environmental issues.
Bournemouth Local Plan Core Strategy (2012)	Spatial plan for Bournemouth Borough Council.	Identifies a housing target of 14,600 homes.	The Council will need to work with Bournemouth to make sure that unmet housing needs within the housing market area are met.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework addresses social issues.
Christchurch & East Dorset Core Strategy (emerging)	Spatial plan for Christchurch and East Dorset councils.	Identifies a housing target of 8,270 homes across both councils.	The Council will need to work with Christchurch/East to make sure that unmet housing needs within the housing market area are met.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework addresses social issues.

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North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (emerging)	Spatial plan for North Dorset District Council.	Identifies a housing target of 4,200 homes.	The Council will need to work with North Dorset to make sure that unmet housing needs within the housing market area are met.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework addresses social issues.
Borough of Poole Core Strategy (2009) and Partial Review (emerging)	Spatial plan for Borough of Poole, which is currently undergoing a partial review.	Adopted plan plans for 10,000 new homes. There is currently no target for the Partial Review.	The Council will need to work with Borough of Poole to make sure that unmet housing needs within the housing market area are met.	The SA needs to ensure that the Partial Review contributes towards the provision of housing.	SA framework addresses social issues.
<i>Landscape and heritage</i>					
Dorset AONB Management Plan (2009)	Sets out the framework for the conservation and enhancement of the Dorset AONB.	Key concepts: Living within environmental limits, ensuring a strong, healthy and just society, achieving a sustainable economy, using sound science responsibly, promoting good governance.	Ensure that the Partial Review requires management and enhancement of poor areas of the AONB and that only appropriate areas are developed.	The SA needs to include reference to landscape and townscape around AONB settlements.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets.

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Purbeck Landscape Character Assessment and management guidance areas outside the AONB (2008)	Characteristics of landform, land use, etc. of different landscape areas.	Sets out different landscape characters and makes recommendations for improvements.	The improvements suggested need to be taken into account when planning development, particularly on the edges of settlements.	The SA needs to include reference to the landscape and townscape around settlements.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, & cultural and historical assets.
Purbeck Green Belt Review (2012)	A study of the South East Dorset Green Belt in Purbeck. Explains why the boundary was altered through the PLP1 and recommends other changes to be addressed through future plans.	Identifies land for strategic release and potential inclusion into the Green Belt, as well as reviewing anomalous boundaries.	Ensure that any allocated sites in the Green Belt have due regard to the recommendations of the Green Belt Review.	The SA needs to ensure that any settlement extensions in the Green Belt are suitable.	SA framework addresses environmental issues.
Dorset Landscape Change Strategy (2010)	Assesses the potential for landscape types to accommodate change. It follows on from the Landscape Character Assessments.	Provide a planning tool to help manage change in the county whilst minimising impacts on landscape character and where possible enhancing it.	Ensure that any policies and allocations have due regard to the recommendations of the Landscape Change Strategy.	Needs to include reference to the district's landscape.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets.

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Purbeck Heritage Strategy (2010)	Complements the Dorset AONB with a detailed action plan for the whole of Purbeck.	Actions cover: landscape improvements, biodiversity, geodiversity, coast and sea, historic and built environment, land management and local products, and access enjoying and learning.	Ensure that the Partial Review has due regard to the actions listed in the Purbeck Heritage Strategy.	The SA needs to include reference to the landscape and townscape around settlements.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, & cultural and historical assets.
Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Management Strategy (2009)	Sets out a management strategy for the whole of the Jurassic Coast.	Allow natural processes to continue; conserve and enhance for science, education and public enjoyment; strengthen understanding; realise the economic, social and cultural opportunities and benefits; improve appropriate and sustainable access; enable visitors to enjoy a welcoming experience and high quality facilities; raise public awareness; and demonstrate exemplary management.	Recognise the international value of the Jurassic Coast and make sure that any policies do not adversely affect it. Ensure cross-boundary working to achieve the objectives, where possible.	Needs to include reference to the district's important geodiversity.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing local geodiversity.

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Purbeck Townscape Character Appraisals (2012)	Character of the streets and buildings in the district's larger settlements and identifies opportunities for change.	Identifies issues and opportunities for change.	These assessments need to be taken into account when considering where to locate development.	The SA must ensure that objectives in these documents are taken into account.	SA framework includes protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, & cultural and historical assets.
Purbeck conservation area appraisals (various dates)	Character of the historic environment, streets, spaces, and landmarks.	Identifies the issues, opportunities and challenges arising in conservation areas.	These appraisals will guide development towards locations that are more appropriate in conservation terms.	The SA must ensure that the relevant objectives contained in conservation area appraisals are taken into account.	SA framework includes landscape and townscape considerations.
<i>Recreation</i>					
South East Dorset Green Infrastructure Strategy (2011)	Covers parks, trees, woodlands, allotments, cycle routes and other green spaces in South East Dorset.	To set a framework to coordinate green infrastructure planning to improve and use existing assets in a cost-effective way.	Ensure that adequate green infrastructure is provided.	Ensure that the objectives in this document are taken into account.	SA framework includes green infrastructure.
Sport & Recreation Audit and Assessment (2006)	Sets out the existing and future requirements for sport and recreation facilities	To identify deficits and surpluses in sport and recreation provision; balance new provision with the enhancement of existing provision; and explore the potential disposal of surplus provision.	Ensure that there is adequate sport and recreation provision.	Ensure that the objectives in this document are taken into account.	SA framework includes green infrastructure.
<i>Retail</i>					

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Joint Retail Assessment – Christchurch/ East Dorset/ North Dorset and Purbeck councils (2008)	Provides an assessment of the future needs for additional retail facilities	Describe existing shopping facilities within Purbeck; set out centre health checks for the Swanage, Wareham and Upton; audit local centres and other shopping areas; and examine potential development sites in the main centres.	Ensure that there is adequate retail provision to meet identified needs.	Take into account retail needs.	SA framework addresses social and economic issues.
Retail Impact Assessment and retail consultants' statements (2010)	Studies the potential impact of new food stores in Purbeck in quantitative and qualitative terms.	Recommend potentially suitable sites and the impact a new food store would have on different trading centres in the district.	Partial Review must make sure that it plans for enough retail floor space in line with any new housing provision and population growth.	Take into account the district's retail needs.	SA framework addresses social and economic issues.
<i>Transport and Accessibility</i>					
South East Dorset / Purbeck Transportation Strategy (2010)	The study looked at all transport problems across Purbeck and made a series of recommendations which become the Purbeck Transportation Strategy (PTS).	The strategy's aims include improving the level of service, availability and attractiveness of public transport, cycling and walking; reducing the impact of the car; and reconnection of Swanage to Wareham branch line to the railway network.	Ensure that developments include sustainable transport connections and promote the self-containment of settlements. Also ensure cross-boundary working to deliver schemes.	Take into account the need to promote sustainable forms of transport and self-containment of settlements.	SA framework includes helping everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport.

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Local Transport Plan 3 (2011)	Dorset County Council's plan for delivery of new transport schemes.	Explains how funds, largely allocated by the Government, will be used to deliver improved transport and help meet the key objectives for transport established by both government and local authorities, such as economic growth; reducing carbon emissions; equal opportunities; improving safety, security and health; and quality of life.	Ensure that site-specific and criteria-based policies help deliver the objectives of the Local Transport Plan 3.	Take into account the need to deliver the objectives of the Local Transport Plan 3.	The SA framework includes accessibility and transport.
Purbeck Preliminary Transport Assessment (2010)	Study into the potential impact on the transport networks of growth in the PLP1.	To test district-wide impacts; impact of traffic to and from the conurbation; and site specific and local network impacts.	Ensure that the impacts of any revised housing and employment targets are tested.	Take into account implications for the transport network.	The SA framework includes accessibility and transport.
Dorset Diamond – Purbeck LDF Development Impact Testing (2011)	Tests the broad impacts of potential development on the transport network.	Tests theoretical housing and employment land numbers.	Ensure that the impacts of any revised housing and employment targets are tested.	Take into account implications for the transport network.	The SA framework includes accessibility and transport.

Appendix B

Summary of scoping consultation

We consulted English Heritage, Environment Agency and Natural England between 30/09/13 and 11/11/13. Below is a summary of all responses received and how we updated this version of the document in light of their comments.

Respondent	Issues raised	Council response	Actions
Natural England	Welcome the recognition of the main sustainability issues in Purbeck as set out in table relating to stage A3. In particular, note the inclusion of 'Access to nature is an important factor for many residents and visitors. Opportunity to improve this.' Suggest that it may be worth adding to the end of this: '...whilst at the same time reducing disturbance to sensitive wildlife sites', as this is a clear win – win opportunity here.	Agree.	Scoping updated.
	Advise considering whether to include under 'types of questions we can ask' a question along the lines of 'maintain and enhance the quality and extent of public rights of way and recreational open space', most likely under the 'Accessibility and transport' heading. It is more important for Purbeck to assess this than for many other local planning authorities in that this matter will have a bearing on the Dorset Heaths SPA.	It is not possible to maintain <u>and</u> enhance. However, this could be substituted with 'or' and will make sense.	Scoping updated, substituting 'and' for 'or'.
	Related to monitoring, PDC operate DCC's Dorset Biodiversity Protocol http://www.dorsetforyou.com/biodiversity . NE understand that this protocol captures a range of data relating to the anticipated net gains to biodiversity resulting from planning permissions, and that it should be relatively straightforward to monitor a metric such as 'number (and/or proportion) of developments likely to deliver a net gain for biodiversity.' NE advise PDC to contact DCC to establish a suitable metric for inclusion.	Contact DCC	

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