



The Purbeck District Local Plan Progress Report

Neighbourhood Plans



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What is the purpose of this progress report?

1. This Neighbourhood Plan Progress Report is produced by Purbeck District Council. The report measures the progress that has been made in producing neighbourhood plans across the district against specific milestones in their production. The report will be updated annually and will be published alongside the Local Plan Progress Report on the Council's website.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

2. The Localism Act 2011 established Neighbourhood Plans as a way in which to achieve 'a substantial shift in power away from central government and towards local people'. A Neighbourhood Plan sets policies for the development and use of land at a local level such as a Parish. The policies may, for example, set out where new homes, offices and retail development may take place, and what type of design and finish may be required.
3. Neighbourhood Plans must be prepared in accordance with national regulations and guidance (and updates) including the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the National Planning Policy Framework 2012, and Planning Practice Guidance 2014. Neighbourhood Plans must also be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the adopted Local Plan (currently Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, 2012), comply with EU obligations, contribute to sustainable development and not have a significant effect on a European protected site.
4. Neighbourhood Plans can hand a degree of decision making to local people; set out where new development and land uses can be located; determine how development should look, and propose more development than the adopted Local Plan. However, a Neighbourhood Plan cannot stop development that is already allocated or granted planning permission from taking place; propose policies that are contrary to national policy and guidance, or the adopted Local Plan; or propose less development than the adopted Local Plan proposes.
5. Once a Neighbourhood Plan has been 'made' it will form part of the Development Plan for the area and will be used to determine planning applications unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

How many Neighbourhood Plans are being produced in Purbeck?

6. In Purbeck, work is underway on four neighbourhood plans:
 - Arne Parish Neighbourhood Plan;
 - Bere Regis Parish Neighbourhood Plan;

- Lytchett Matravers Parish Neighbourhood Plan; and,
- Wareham Town Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

West Lulworth Parish has also been designated as a Neighbourhood Plan Area, but work is no longer progressing on a neighbourhood plan for the parish.

Are any Neighbourhood Plans in place ('made')?

7. At 31st December 2016, no neighbourhood plans in Purbeck had been 'made'.

Where can I get further information on Neighbourhood Planning?

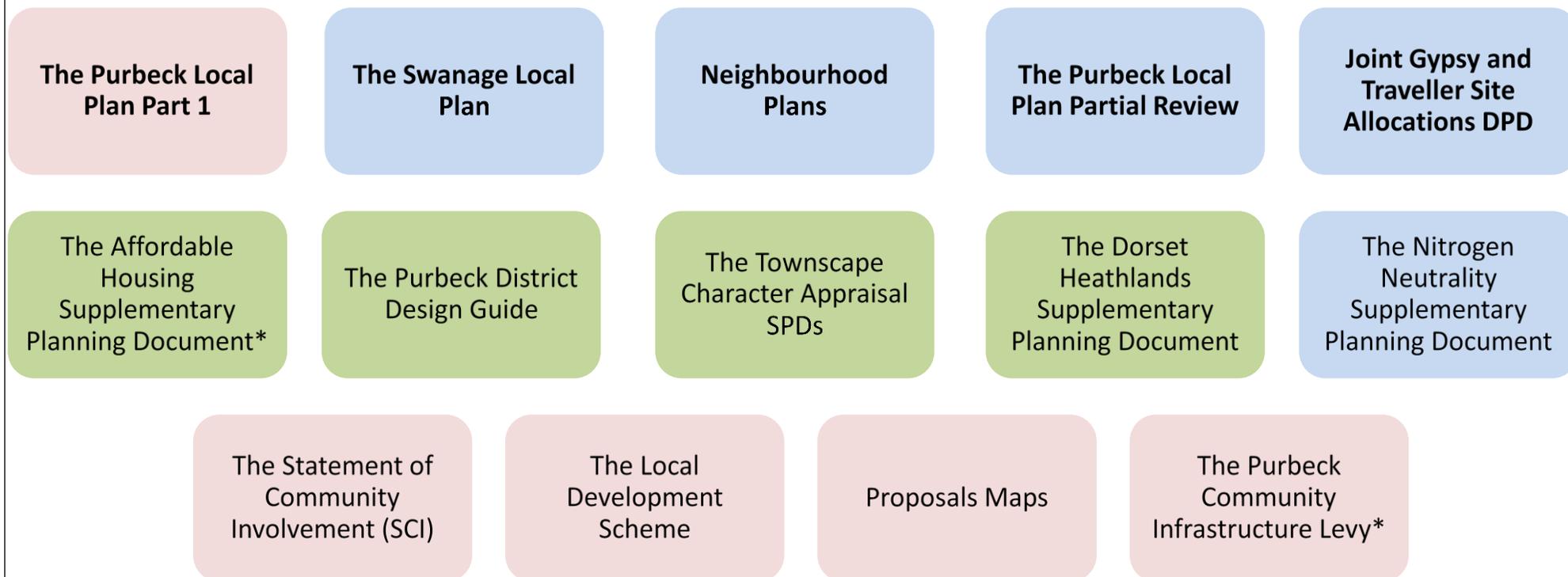
8. Further information on Neighbourhood Planning in Purbeck can be found at:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/neighbourhoodplanning/purbeck>

How do Neighbourhood Plans link to other planning policy documents for Purbeck?

9. The diagram below sets out how Neighbourhood Plans sit alongside other plans and strategies for Purbeck.

Planning Policy Documents in Purbeck



The pink boxes represent approved documents, the blue boxes represent documents that are currently in preparation, and the green boxes represent adopted supplementary planning documents, all as of December 2016.

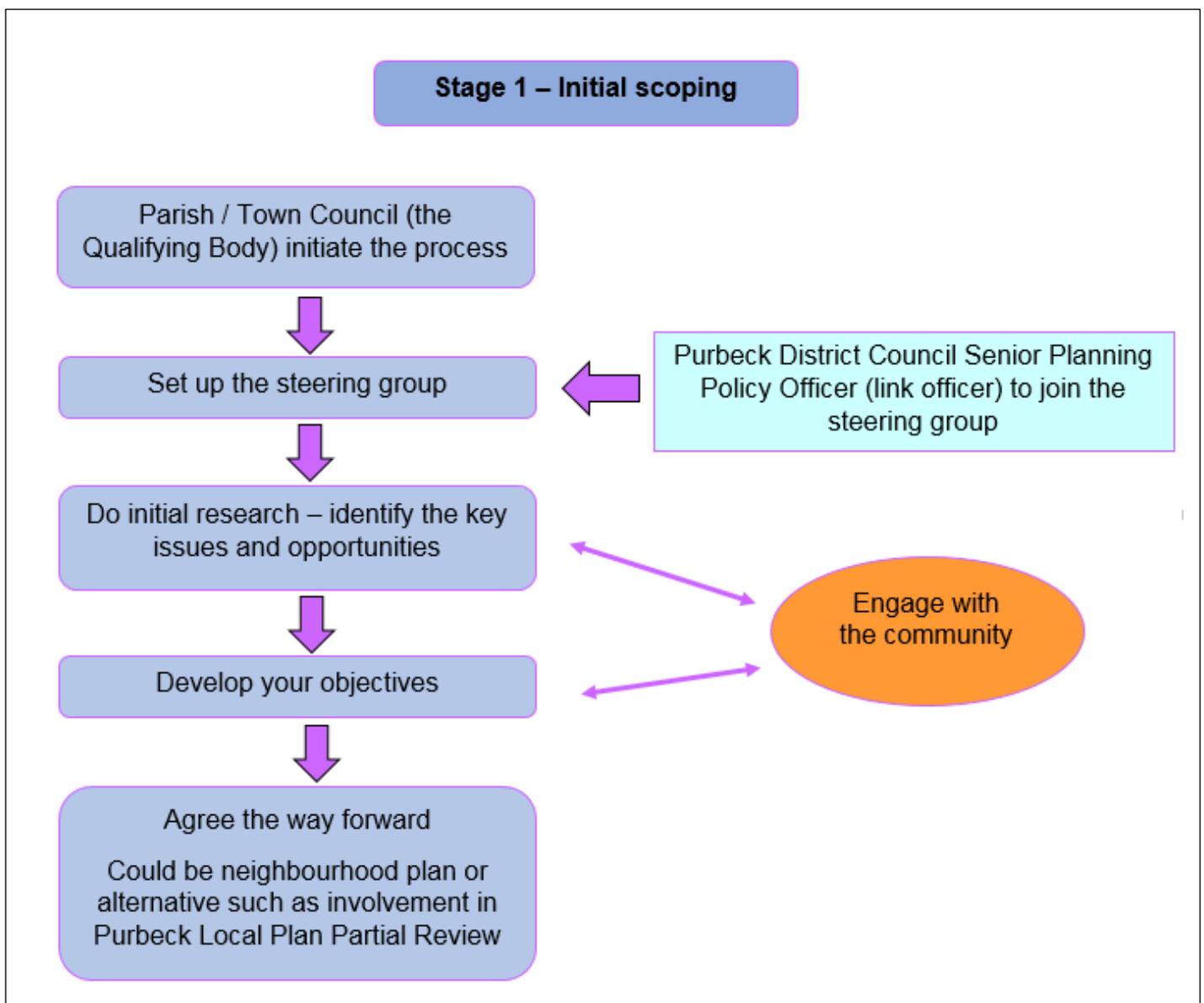
* The Purbeck Community Infrastructure Levy and the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document are current adopted documents but both are scheduled for review in the next three years.

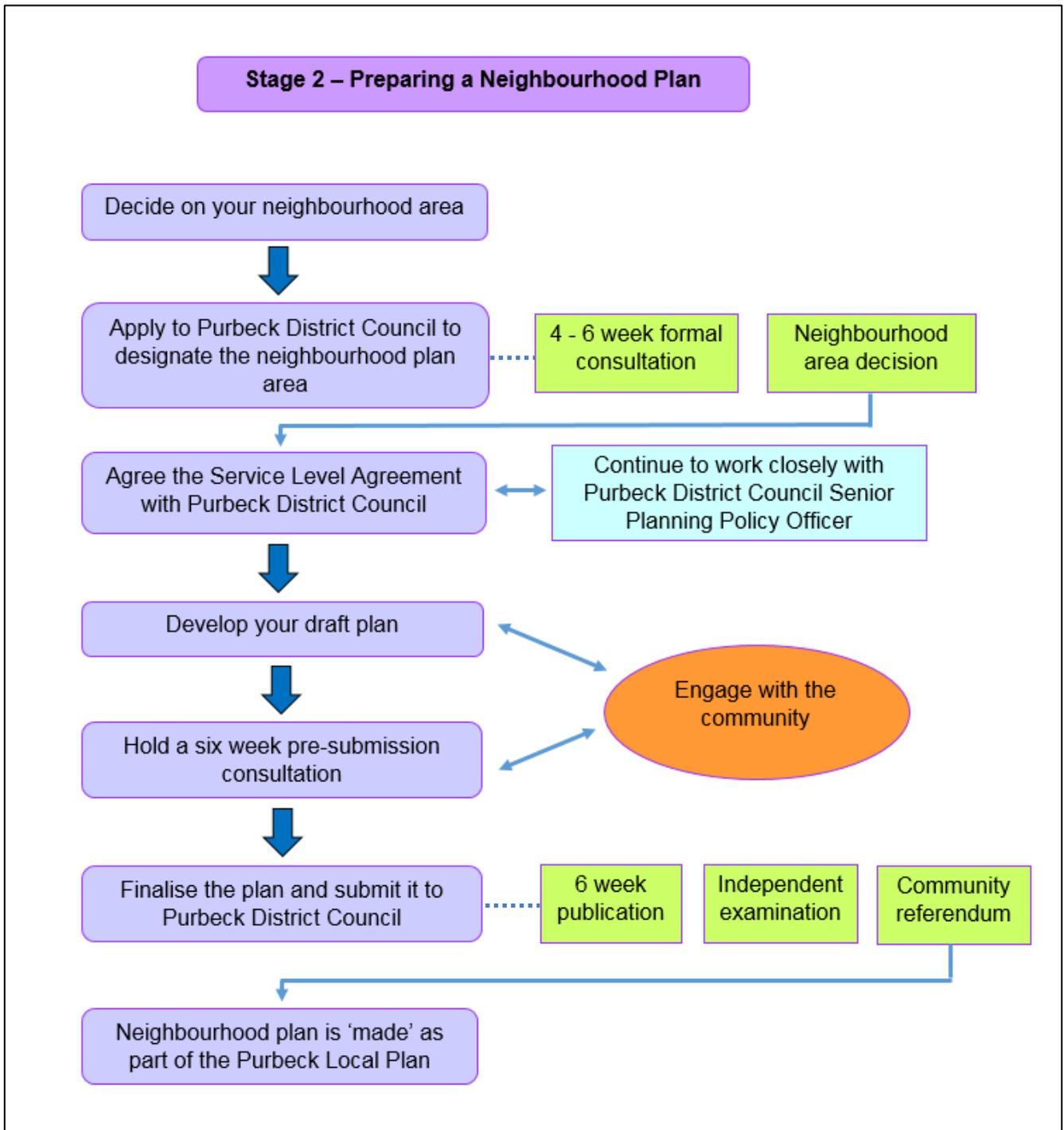
What are the stages of Neighbourhood Plan preparation?

10. There are two key stages in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan:
 - (i) Initial scoping
 - (ii) Preparing the plan.
11. A Neighbourhood Plan is not always the best approach to be followed in planning for a local area and alternative approaches may be more appropriate in some cases. Purbeck District Council recommends that town and parish councils undertake an initial scoping exercise to help to identify which approach to local planning is most suitable.

Stage 1: Initial Scoping

12. The flow-chart below sets out the key stages to be followed as part of the initial scoping for a Neighbourhood Plan.





What progress has been made on Purbeck Neighbourhood Plans?

14. The diagram below sets out the key stages that have been reached in Neighbourhood Plan preparation for Purbeck as at 31st December 2016.

Parish	Scoping exercise	Project Plan	Submission of neighbourhood area application	Publicity of neighbourhood area application	Determination of neighbourhood area application	Publicity for designation of a neighbourhood area	Evidence Gathering	Community Engagement	Appraisals	Drafting of plan	Pre-submission consultation and publicity of proposed Neighbourhood Plan	Revisions to draft Neighbourhood Plan	Submission of draft Neighbourhood Plan to Purbeck District Council	Publication of Neighbourhood Development Plan	Submit plan for Examination	Examination	Council considers Examiner's recommendations	Publication of Examiner's Report and Decision Statement	Publication of pre-referendum statement and documents	Referendum	Publication of referendum decision and making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan
Arne	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Significant progress	Significant progress											
Bere Regis	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Significant progress	Significant progress											
Lytchett Matravers	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Significant progress					
Wareham Town	Complete	Some progress	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Significant progress	Significant progress	Some progress												

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