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Dear Sara,

Thank you for consulting Purbeck District Council on the draft final neighbourhood plan. I have had a read through and cannot see anything of particular concern to the Council and therefore submit a response of 'no comments'.

The only thing I noticed that you might want to think about is paragraph 2 of Policy 9 (green infrastructure), as it appears to contradict itself. It starts by talking about the requirements of development proposals in or adjoining the network, giving me the impression that there is scope for development within them. However, the paragraph ends by saying that proposals that would lead to a loss of land in the network would be resisted. This struck me as conflicting because development can lead to a loss of land, so it might be worth being explicit as to what you mean. In this regard, it is worth bearing in mind that, technically, in planning law, development doesn't just mean buildings, it also means changes of use. So you might want to state if all development (i.e. including changes of use) would be resisted, or if you mean development would be resisted, except for temporary buildings or changes of use that would have clear community benefits and would not prejudice the long-term openness of the land (e.g. temporary markets, open air cinemas, etc.).

Best wishes,
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