

Dorset Council

Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034)

Response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions

Matter I: Implementation, delivery and monitoring

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Issue 1: Implementation and delivery

Question 1

Is Policy IM1 (Tools for delivery – the Purbeck Local Plan implementation strategy) effective in its provisions to ensure the successful implementation of the Plan?

1. Yes. To be effective, the policy must be ‘deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground’ (paragraph 35 (c), NPPF 2019). Policy IM1 sets out tools which can be used to ensure obstacles to development can be overcome. This will help secure the delivery of the strategic objectives set out in the Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034).

Issue 2: Monitoring

Question 1

Does the plan make appropriate provision for monitoring the effectiveness of its implementation?

2. Yes. The plan adheres to the Town and Country Planning Act (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and commits to monitoring the effects and effectiveness of every policy. The proposed monitoring framework is set out in pages 115 to 119 of the plan [SD01a], and includes monitoring a range of data, including the use of specific policies in refusing planning applications; and progress on delivery of homes, mitigation, transport projects and strategic employment sites. The monitoring information will be reported each year through the Authority’s Monitoring Report, and will be used to assess the delivery and success of the policies.

Question 2

Is the modification (MM22) to the monitoring framework proposed by the council in the schedule of possible modifications [SD14] necessary to ensure the Plan makes appropriate provision for monitoring the effectiveness of its implementation?

3. The modification MM22 was proposed by Natural England to assess the cumulative impact of new homes permitted on small sites. To omit this could lead to detrimental effects on protected habitats without necessary mitigation being implemented. The Council supports this modification.