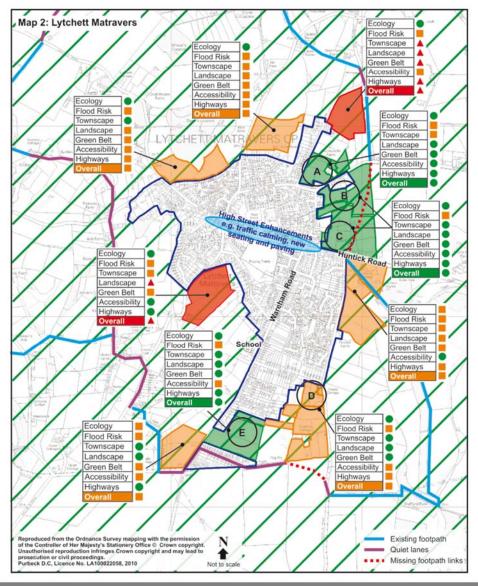
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Purbeck District Council's preferred option

Map extracted from:

'Where shall we build in Upton and Lytchett Matravers 2012-2026?'



The Village

Lytchett Matravers occupies an unique hilltop location within Purbeck. Its 3500 villagers recognise that the setting of the village is what gives it a special character. Nobody is more than five minutes walk from open countryside yet the facilities offered by Bournemouth and Poole are close by.

Despite this, the village is struggling to support local facilities. Many residents travel significant distances commuting. The roads, long and straight, are potentially dangerous and the village is poorly served by public transport links.

The village centre is tired, has little sense of place and not much to tie it together as a true 'heart'. The village's historic buildings and features are disparate and hidden and the village feels like a single, large housing estate rather than a true Purbeck village.

The landscape setting of the village is acknowledged by District and National Planning Policy which protects the village both from expansion, by a settlement boundary, and from encroachment by the conurbation with a Green Belt. Despite Purbeck District being heavily constrained by planning policy, urban capacity studies have revealed that PDC need to find space for some several hundred homes on 'greenfield' land.