

West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan Examination

**Meeting with Purbeck District Council and
Natural England : 27 October 2014**

Arising in Matter 1



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Weymouth & Portland Borough Council

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1. Update on West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan

During the course of preparing the Local Plan development sites at Crossways, close to the border between West Dorset Council and Purbeck District Council has been proposed; through various stages of plan preparation site selection has been refined . One of the principal issues was to how best to address NE concerns, around potential impact on the heathland. A joint approach between the Councils has resulted in an agreed approach to the provision of SANGS. A SOCG between the WDC and NE is currently being drafted

HJ confirmed that the site allocation south of Warmwell Road had been confirmed in the latest version of the plan as 500 dwellings. She also confirmed that the councils would be meeting all their needs within the West Dorset and Weymouth/Portland Housing Market Area and would not be looking to PDC to accommodate any of its needs.

2 Update on Purbeck Local Plan

AL confirmed that the adopted Purbeck Local Plan (November 2012) states that there is no requirement for Purbeck District Council to meet development needs arising from neighbouring authorities outside its own area before 2027

The Partial Review of the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 will be informed by the findings of the Eastern Dorset SHMA once this study is completed. As part of the plan review process Purbeck DC is updating its SHLAA, and sites promoted through the SHLAA will be considered as part of the plan preparation process.

PDC is planning to consult on 'Issues and Options' to inform the Partial Review in early 2015.

3. Next steps

1. WDC to update WPWDC Inspector on progress on joint working and SCOG, through Hearing Statement and hearing sessions
2. A further meeting to a shared approach to infrastructure provision and any mitigation measures to be held after the planned Purbeck Partial Review Issues and Options consultation. Opportunities to explore joint master planning work could also be explored.