



Purbeck Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Examination into the soundness of the plan

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM THE INSPECTOR REGARDING CONSULTATION ON THE GREEN BELT REVIEW

Question 1

The Inspector has asked the following question:

Could the Council set out the consultation that was undertaken with regard to the review of the green belt boundary?

Council's Response

This response sets out the stages of consultation that the Green Belt Review went through during its preparation. The Green Belt Review forms part of the LDF evidence base, but there is no statutory requirement for evidence to undergo formal consultation. However, given that its recommendations had strategic implications and it was informing the allocation of Green Belt land in the Core Strategy, it was decided that it would be worthwhile consulting on it alongside other documents.

It is worth pointing out that during the consultations, many responses were submitted by organisations and members of the public objecting to the principle of developing in the Green Belt, rather than the methodology and recommendations of the Green Belt Review.

Table 1 overleaf sets out the consultation undertaken.

Table 1: Consultation details and responses

GBR = Green Belt Review

Dates	Details of consultation	No. responses	Main issues raised	How were issues taken into account?
4 th June – 30 th July 2010	<p><u>May 2010 version.</u></p> <p>In line with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement, the consultation took place alongside the ‘Where Shall We Build...’ consultation. This meant that whilst the two were consulted on separately, they shared resources.</p> <p>Emails and letters were sent to all town/parish councils and contacts on the LDF database informing them of the consultation and where material could be viewed.</p> <p>The GBR was placed in local libraries and was available to view at the District Council offices. It was also on display at the Where Shall We Build road shows and officers were available to speak to.</p>	9 from a mixture of the public, statutory consultees and planning consultants.	Mostly comments from developers of competing sites wanting to strengthen their position.	Minor changes to boundaries.
1 st Nov – 20 th Dec 2010	<p><u>October 2010 version.</u></p> <p>This was an updated version and was published as updated evidence alongside the Pre-submission Core Strategy.</p> <p>Emails and letters were sent to all town/parish councils and contacts on the LDF database informing them of the consultation and where material could be viewed.</p> <p>A copy was available online and at the District Council offices. Hard copies were available on request.</p>	1 from a planning consultant.	Boundary too tight around Holton Heath Industrial Estate and this could have implications for future growth.	The boundary was adjusted so as not to be too tight around the industrial estate.

Dates	Details of consultation	No. responses	Main issues raised	How were issues taken into account?
1 st Sept – 13 th Oct 2011	<p><u>August 2011 version.</u></p> <p>This was an updated version and was published as updated evidence alongside the Proposed Changes to the Pre-submission Core Strategy.</p> <p>Emails and letters were sent to all town/parish councils and contacts on the LDF database informing them of the consultation and where material could be viewed.</p> <p>A copy was available online and at the District Council offices. Hard copies were available on request.</p>	1 from a planning consultant.	Boundary still too tight around Holton Heath Industrial Estate.	Land in question contributes to the openness of the Green Belt. Therefore, no change required.