

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE
BRIDPORT AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW**

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Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

cc: Nick Cardnell
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Via email

28 September 2026

Dear Ms Culpin

Prior to completing my report on the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan Review I have one request for clarification in relation to the issue of human rights. I would like to receive a response from Bridport Town Council as soon as possible so that I may complete my report.

Clarification Request

The Neighbourhood Plan must be compatible with, and not breach, human rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998.¹ There is no reference to the consideration of human rights in the preparation of the Plan Review in the Basic Conditions Statement or elsewhere.

However, no issues have been raised in relation to the possible contravention of human rights in the representations. The Plan Review has been the subject of extensive consultation with local people who could be affected by its policies and their views have been taken into account in finalising the Plan Review. Overall, in my assessment, it appears reasonable to conclude that the making of the Plan Review should not breach human rights.

Does Bridport Town Council agree with that conclusion?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter and the subsequent response is placed on the Bridport Town Council and Dorset Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Mead

Examiner

¹ See Paragraph 11(3) of Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and Section 61E(8) of the same Act.