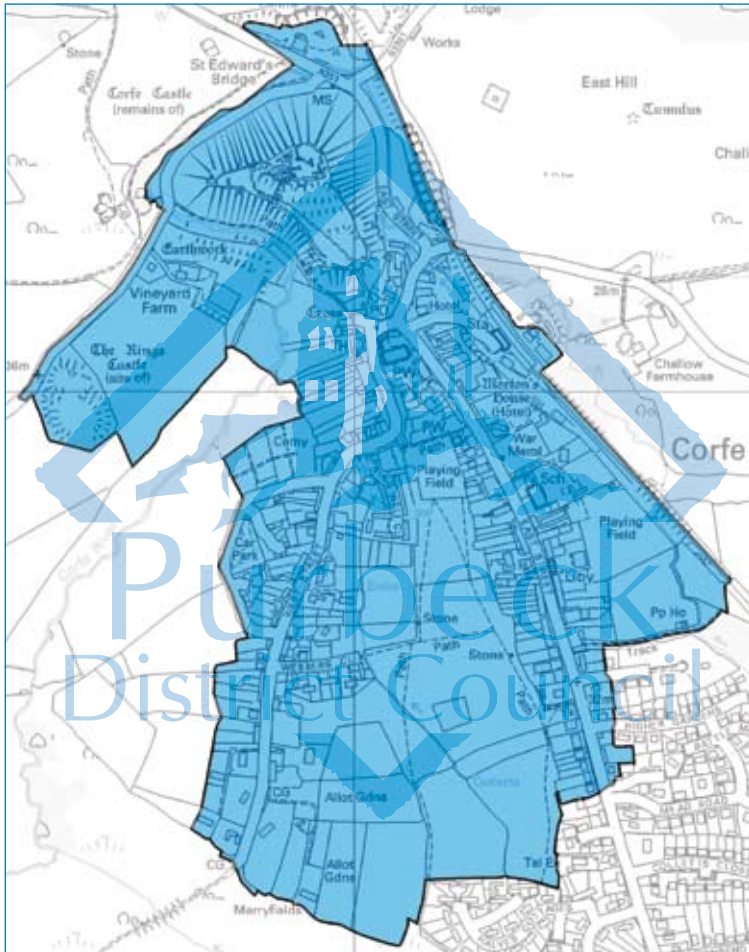




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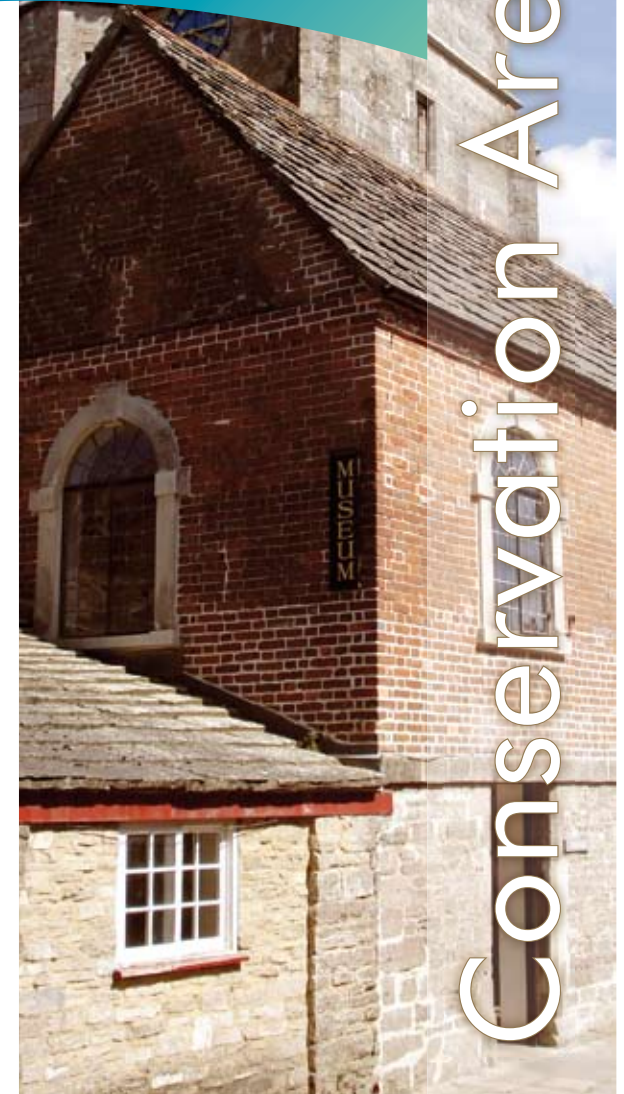
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Corfe Castle Conservation Area was first designated during 1971, extended during 1973 and 1991, and the boundaries amended during 2009.

## Special historic and architectural interest of Corfe Castle Conservation Area



Moreton's House

Corfe Castle was established and initially developed in association with the strategic importance of its position – an

importance reflected in both the physical and cultural dominance of the castle in terms of local identity. The fabric of the village bears witness to ancient associations with the Purbeck limestone mining industry, while as a key gateway within the Isle of Purbeck the form and character of the village has been strongly influenced by local changes in the development of roads and transport infrastructure. The village is dominated by the castle, one of the largest, most dramatic and distinctive in England. The association of this with a village containing the largest concentration of stone built vernacular architecture in Purbeck drew the status of "outstanding" from the then DoE upon original designation. The Conservation Area contains a heavy concentration of nationally listed buildings including many houses of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, several at the highest Grades I or II\*.

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## About Conservation Areas

While bringing some controls over permitted development rights the object of designation is not to prohibit change or development but rather to manage its quality and contextual appropriateness. This means that a high priority is given to securing design quality both within and also around Conservation Areas. For details of the current regulations applicable within Conservation Areas see the District Council's website or general Conservation Areas leaflet. The Local Authority is happy to provide pre-application advice in regard to specific development proposals.

## Conservation Area Character Appraisal

The adopted Character Appraisal document for Corfe Castle Conservation Area (2009) represents an essential point of reference for those considering making an alteration to properties or land located within and around its boundaries. The purpose of the appraisal is:

1. to provide an in depth analysis of character which will inform both planning and development management at the Local Authority,
2. to assist property owners and their agents in the formulation of sensitive development proposals,
3. to assist property owners and their agents in execution of sensitive alterations allowed under permitted development rights, and
4. to identify potential for enhancement works within the Conservation Area.

The Character Appraisal document is available for reference at Corfe Library, the District Council offices and may be downloaded from our website: [www.purbeck.gov.uk](http://www.purbeck.gov.uk)



Corfe Castle village



East Street



Top of West Street



View towards the Square

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