



## Purbeck Local Plan Examination:

Sustainability Appraisal addendum on: Proposed  
Supplementary Main Modifications (SMMCD3)

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## **Non-technical assessment**

1. This addendum Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been prepared by Dorset Council as part of the appraisal of proposed supplementary Main Modifications (SMM) to the emerging Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034.
2. The scope of the SA focuses on the issues relating to those SMM which will form part of the emerging local plan, alongside cumulative and synergistic effects on the local plan as a whole. The SMM are presented in a separate document alongside proposed Main Modifications (MM) and further proposed Main Modifications (FMM) (SMMCD1). Collectively these Main Modifications have been assessed as necessary to make the local plan sound and legally compliant. Both MM and FMM have been assessed through separate addendum to Sustainability Appraisals (MMCD4 for the appraisal on MM and FMMCD2 for the appraisal on FMM) that were published with other materials (including Habitats Regulation Assessments (HRA)) for consultation. The council has also prepared an addendum to its HRA (SMMCD2) which will be published alongside this SA addendum and which has been taken into consideration when undertaking the assessments in this document.

## **The story of the examination of the Purbeck Local Plan and SA so far**

3. The Purbeck Local Plan was submitted for examination in January 2019. The council has conducted SA of earlier consultation drafts of the local plan and policy 'options' presented through earlier consultations in 2015 (Reviewing the Plan for Purbeck's future, Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review, Issues and Options Consultation, January 2015), 2016 (Reviewing the Plan for Purbeck's future, Purbeck Local Plan Partial Review, Options Consultation, June 2016) and 2018 (New Homes for Purbeck Consultation Document, January 2018).
4. Over the course of the local plan's examination the Inspectors have held hearings and suggested to the council that Main Modifications to the local plan are needed to make the plan sound and legally compliant. The council has prepared proposed Main Modifications (MMCD1), further proposed Main Modifications (FMMCD1) and most recently supplementary proposed Main Modifications (SMMCD1). Each earlier iteration of Main Modification has been subject to SA. This SA has been prepared as an addendum to consider the latest proposed supplementary Main Modifications (SMM).

## **Scope of SA addendum (including reasonable alternatives for nutrients issue and SMM)**

5. In accordance with Regulation 12. (2) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, this report identifies, describes and evaluates the likely significant environmental, social and economic effects of implementing the policies presented in Appendix 3 (subject to supplementary proposed Main Modifications) and any reasonable alternatives (taking account of the objectives and geographical scope of the policies).
6. Many of the SMM have been tabled in response to changes in circumstances or factual updates over the examination period. National planning policy prescribes



that the council gathers and references evidence on specific issues. Reasonable alternatives need to be 'realistic and deliverable'. Where national policy, guidance or legislation prescribes a specific approach there are no reasonable alternatives. This SA lists the SMM to those policies where the council has found that there were no reasonable alternatives for this reason.

### Scope of the SA addendum

7. Following this screening process, the SA identified the potential for reasonable alternatives to the approach to nutrient neutrality outlined in SMM86 and SMM21 relating to supporting text and Policy E9. Through the SA alternative approaches to achieving nutrient neutrality, where necessary to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, have been assessed including:
  - a) Approach to nutrient neutrality including:
    - *Site specific mitigation measures for planning applications*
    - *Short term offsite mitigation measures.*
    - *Medium to long term offsite mitigation measures.*
  - b) Nutrient pollution safeguarding approach.
  - c) Restricting development.
8. The potential alternatives to addressing the nutrient pollution issue in Poole Harbour where required for compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, were developed after Natural England issued its guidance (March 2022) and following iterative discussions with the local plan Inspectors after hearings held in July 2022.
9. Alternative a) developed out of iterative discussions with the local plan Inspectors following the July 2022 hearings. Through these discussions (that included consideration of alternatives), and their recommendations, the council has developed SMM that provide a flexible framework for achieving nutrient neutrality (the discourse between the council and the Inspectors is summarised in their 'Interim findings and next steps' note May 2023, [COR28](#)).
10. Alternative b) also developed following discussions between Natural England and the council alongside a tabled amendment to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill that proposed 'nutrient pollution standards' for wastewater plant discharging wastewater into 'sensitive catchment areas' (the catchments of those habitat sites in an unfavourable condition because of nutrient pollution). The council prepared a technical paper (SD139), position statement (which outlines the approach: SD148) and corresponded with Natural England on this issue ([letter dated 26 August 2022](#)).
11. The council have recently been applying alternative c) and not giving planning permission for qualifying development in the Poole Harbour unless an applicant is able to demonstrate nutrient neutrality for both phosphorus and nitrogen.
12. The full sustainability appraisal provides further detail on the development of these alternatives and what they might involve.

13. As part of the SA the council has considered whether SMM related to an updated assessment of Local Housing Need have given rise to significant environmental effects. The variation in assessed Local Housing Need is modest and can be accommodated without any substantive changes to the policy allocations for new homes. The council's spatial strategy would not need to be revised in response to the new Local Housing Need assessment.

## Reasonable alternatives and SMM, their likely impact on SA objectives

The table below provides a summary of the assessment of the alternatives against the SA objectives.

### Snapshot of assessment of reasonable alternatives for nutrient pollution issue - where required to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations)

Key for assessment table:

Symbol	Definition
++	Significant positive effect
+	Positive effect
n	Neutral effect
-	Minor negative effect
--	Significant negative effect
u	Unknown at this stage

Sustainability objective	Alternatives		
	a) Approach to nutrient neutrality	b) Safeguarding approach	c) Restricting development
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	u	-

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	u	-
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	+	u	-
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	u	-
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	u	n
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	u	u	n
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+

## **Impacts of SMM on the local plan as a whole**

14. The council has conducted a screening exercise for reasonable alternatives to SMM. It has only found fresh alternatives relating to SMM21 and SM86 (these SMM outline the council's general approach to nutrient neutrality, with consequential changes of a similar nature added to other policies of the Plan as part of other SMMs for consistency). Alternatives relating to SMM76 and SMM77 (these SMM relate to the council's interim mitigation strategy) are presented and appraised through an earlier SA (FMMCD2). There have not been any further change in circumstances since this appraisal was undertaken (the SMM primarily relate to clarification received from the Inspectors following the hearing session held in July 2022).
15. Taken as a whole the SMM can be broadly grouped into a number of categories:
- i. Those undertaken in response to changes in factual circumstances – These include those SMM that have updated the reference to the council area following local government re-organisation in Dorset, the updated assessment of Local Housing Need and the refreshed evidence on housing land supply (which updates forecast yields from different sources of supply – in particular in regard to Wareham SMM87 and SMM78). The SMM may address more than one factual issue and include: SMM1, SMM88, SMM3, SMM4, SMM5, SMM6, SMM8, SMM24, SMM25, SMM27, SMM28, SMM29, SMM30, SMM31, SMM33, SMM40, SMM47, SMM48, SMM61, SMM64, SMM71, SMM85. These SMM have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole. The very limited increase in overall housing numbers (an additional 6 per year) does not require any changes to the key local plan housing allocations as set out in the submission draft local plan, or the council's spatial strategy for sustainable growth.
  - ii. Those correcting errors or those undertaken to ensure the plan's effectiveness – In general terms these SMM provide clarification or address an error to ensure effectiveness. They have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole, and include: SMM14, SMM15, SMM18, SMM19, SMM20, SMM32, SMM35, SMM38, SMM41, SMM42, SMM43, SMM45, SMM46, SMM49, SMM52, SMM53, SMM54, SMM59, SMM60, SMM63, SMM65, SMM66, SMM68, SMM69, SMM72, SMM78, SMM81, SMM84.
  - iii. Those connected to the council's interim mitigation strategy – The Inspectors have suggested a number of SMM following on from the hearing session held in July 2022. The council's interim mitigation strategy, and the alternatives, were thoroughly appraised through an earlier SA (FMMCD2) and in the course of the hearing session (SMM76, SMM77). The scope of the further changes presented in SMM is limited. These changes have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole.

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16. The individual screening of SMM has found a limited number of SMM which go beyond simple updates, clarifications or errors which clearly don't have a material impact on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole, or have been appraised earlier, which may have significant effects arising from some of the proposed revisions. These have been extracted and summarised in the table below. Collectively the council is satisfied that these effects will not have any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole.

### Summary of screening for significant effects from SMM

Key for assessment table:

Symbol	Definition
++	Significant positive effect
+	Positive effect
n	Neutral effect
-	Minor negative effect
--	Significant negative effect
u	Unknown at this stage

Sustainability objective	SMM						
	SMM16	SMM86	SMM21	SMM26	SMM87	SMM78	SMM82
Meet as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible	+	+	+	+	+	+	n
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	+		n	+	+	n
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	+	+		n			n
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	+		n	+	+	n

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Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes		n		n			n
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	-			+
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				n			n
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	-	-	-	-



## Synergistic and cumulative effects

17. Existing mitigation methods already take synergistic and cumulative effects into consideration and as identified in the HRA these can be overcome in full. The approach to assessing the recreational impacts on Dorset heaths and Poole Harbour habitat sites indirectly takes account of the cumulative effects of planned development in the local plan area over the plan period. Similarly, the approaches to assessing and mitigating environmental effects on habitat sites also take account of synergistic environmental effects.
18. The package of potential mitigation measures identified in the approach to nutrient neutrality provide a sound framework for delivery of necessary mitigation if required for compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, and draws upon existing approaches to synergistic and cumulative effects.

## Considering appropriate assessment

19. As per planning practice guidance<sup>1</sup> the SA takes account of the appropriate assessment in the HRA.

Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
Recreation and urban effects on the Dorset Heaths	Mitigation approach	<p>Mitigation approach for impact on Dorset heathlands is well established and has been a blueprint for other development around the country.</p> <p>Compliance with the interim mitigation strategy ensures a conclusion of no adverse effect on integrity for the Dorset Heaths SACs/SPA/Ramsar from urban effects and recreation, alone or in combination.</p> <p>Monitoring of housing delivery within the 5km area around heaths will be required to ensure that sufficient mitigation measures are delivered.</p>	None as interim mitigation strategy is being proposed for inclusion in the proposed main modifications, alongside a commitment to monitor delivery of new homes and a possible strategic SANG at Morden.
	Heathland SPD	The SPD was updated after the local plan was submitted for examination. It is due to be updated again in 2025. This regular review period allows for strategies to be monitored and where needed, refined.	None as SPD is already noted in the Plan text.

<sup>1</sup> In response to the question 'How does the sustainability appraisal relate to other forms of Impact Assessment?' planning practice guidance advises that 'The sustainability appraisal should take account of the findings of a Habitats Regulations Assessment, if one is undertaken.' (Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 11-011-20140306).

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Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
Fragmentation and mobile species	Mitigation approach	Project level HRA's should secure detailed mitigation measures at Dorset Innovation Park and Holton Heath.	None as recommended in the HRA.
Recreation at non-heathland sites	Mitigation approach	<p>Dorset Council will keep a 'watching brief' around the recreational effects of further development on non-heathland sites. Any small sites that come forward close to the coast will need to be screened and address recreation issues where necessary as part of the project level HRA (mitigation may include provision of dog bins, contribution to wardening or path infrastructure).</p> <p>HRA deems mitigation is satisfactory and covered by the Poole Harbour Recreation 2019-2024 SPD. It ensures no adverse effects occur either alone or in combination. Updates to the SPD will be required. Regular review allows for strategies to be monitored and where needed, refined.</p>	None as SPD is already noted in the Plan text and 'watching brief' resulted in actions in the monitoring framework for the plan
Water Quality	Mitigation approaches	<p>Announcements in March 2022 signalled changes to in the approach to the assessment of development proposals in catchments where water bodies that are protected through the Habitats Regulations are in unfavourable condition due to nutrient pollution.</p> <p>As part of this the council was informed that phosphorus needed to be addressed as well as nitrogen in the Poole Harbour catchment. Also a new methodology was introduced for calculation of quantity of nutrients and acceptable/effective methods of mitigation, as well as widen the requirement of new development to improve the condition of affected sites, and not just avoid making it worse.</p> <p>The government has made announcements about how this may change in the future but in the meantime the council continues to implement the current regulations and guidance.</p>	<p>SMM 86 and 21 ensure that where a development would increase the nutrient loading within the catchment the onus will be on the applicant to demonstrate nutrient neutrality.</p> <p>The HRA states that with this new wording in place the council can be confident that adverse effects on integrity from development within the catchment will not have an</p>

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Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
			adverse effect on the integrity of Poole Harbour SPA/Ramsar, alone or in-combination.
Air quality	Mitigation approaches	<p>Interim strategy to address air quality impacts to the Dorset Heathlands means both individual and in-combination effects can be eliminated for the short-term.</p> <p>This strategy could be expanded as necessary to address the cumulative impacts of development on air quality as part of the new Dorset Council Local Plan supported by additional evidence such as traffic modelling and air quality monitoring.</p>	<p>Over the course of the examination work has continued to progress on funding and delivery of necessary mitigation measures.</p> <p>An amendment to policy E8 Dorset Heaths (SMM20) to include air quality as part of the policy to ensure air quality is considered during planning application process.</p>

### Identification of difficulties

20. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 requires difficulties met whilst carrying out the SA to be identified. The following limitations in knowledge have been identified:

- Assessing long-term climate change is difficult and therefore its potential effects on Purbeck are uncertain. In particular, the European protected sites can be susceptible to climate change, with adverse impact upon habitats.
- The lack of detail around the delivery of development specific mitigation measures in the approach to nutrient neutrality, if necessary to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.

### Recommendations

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21. Development should not be restricted (alternative c)) unless necessary, as this could lead to significant negative impacts on several sustainability objectives as summarised in the assessment tables. The safeguarding approach (alternative b)) could lead to the development of effective mitigation, but there is uncertainty around outcomes from this approach and the means by which to achieve it within the plan period, which result in local plan policies not being able to provide a framework for how it would be achieved at the present time.
22. The nutrient neutrality approach (alternative a)) has been assessed as the most effective strategy for supporting delivery of appropriate nutrient mitigation measures alongside development, where necessary to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
23. The SA outlines several possible options for delivering nutrient mitigation measures as part of alternative a), but there remains some uncertainty around the detail of these specific measures. The approach to nutrient neutrality outlined in SMM86 will provide applicants with flexibility to develop and deliver mitigation measures by themselves or working with others. The SMM states that applicants should use a robust methodology to calculate nutrient loads. The objective of the approach is to support applicants in achieving nutrient neutrality for their proposals. Alongside this positive approach Policy E9 provides a strong policy framework for assessing the impacts of proposed development in Poole Harbour catchment and guarding against adverse effects on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site, insofar as necessary to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
24. Work on the Dorset Council Local Plan and updates to the 'Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document' will enable the review of the approach outlined in the local plan.

Recommendations resulting from the SA

### Recommendation

Support delivery of appropriate mitigation, where necessary, through the nutrient neutrality (alternative a)) and provide a strong policy framework to guard against adverse impacts from development in within Poole Harbour catchment.

Review the mitigation delivered through the nutrient neutrality approach as part of the preparation of the Dorset Council Local Plan.

### Monitoring required

25. Monitor the progression through the planning process of allocated 'qualifying' development in the local plan and other unplanned 'qualifying' development in Poole Harbour catchment.
26. Monitor delivery of all forms of nutrient mitigation measures to ensure benefits are realised as soon as possible, insofar as necessary to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
27. Monitor the nutrient mitigation measures delivered in combination to ensure it is sufficient.

## **Mitigation required**

28. Ensure drafting of environmental local plan policies reflect the requirements in The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and/or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations and that the policy provides a flexible framework that supports delivery of mitigation measures where required.

## **How has the SA been considered in the formation of the modifications?**

29. The alternatives, and assessments of alternatives, presented in this SA have informed and guided the process of drafting SMM including the monitoring requirements.

## The full Sustainability Appraisal

### Background and scope of this appraisal

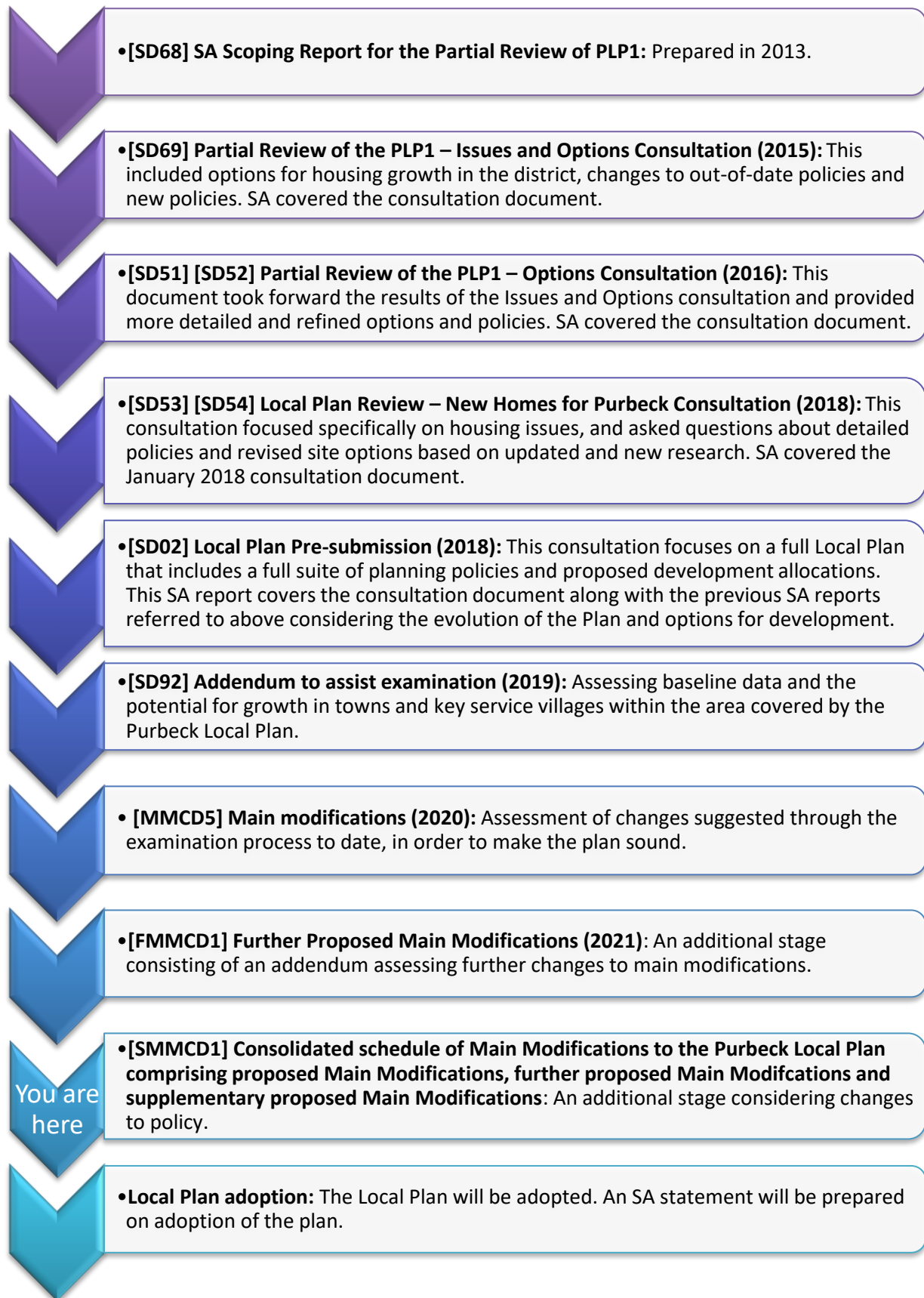
#### Introduction

30. The sustainability appraisal (SA) is an iterative process undertaken throughout the plan making process, beginning with a scoping report in 2013 (SD68), SD69 Sustainability Appraisal for the Issue & Options draft (2015), Sustainability Appraisals in June 2016 (SD51 non-technical summary and SD51 full version), SD54 Sustainability Appraisal full version in January 2018 and SD01 the Sustainability Appraisal following pre-submission 2019. As part of the examination process further appraisals were carried out to consider the proposed main modifications (MMCD4) and further proposed main modifications (FMMCD2). These should be read as a whole. This iteration will focus on the SMM to the local plan which have been prepared following the Inspectors' 'interim findings' note of 24 May 2023, but it also considers the overall significance of the proposed modifications effects (including cumulative and synergistic effects).
31. As part of the process of undertaking this appraisal the council needed to set parameters for the 'the level of detail' that will be assessed through the appraisal. Planning practice gives advice on this issue in response to the question 'What level of detail is required in a sustainability appraisal?' It states in response:
- 'The sustainability appraisal should only focus on what is needed to assess the likely significant effects of the plan. It should focus on the environmental, economic and social impacts that are likely to be significant. It does not need to be done in any more detail, or using more resources, than is considered to be appropriate for the content and level of detail in the Local Plan.' (Paragraph: 009 Reference ID: 11-009-20140306)
32. The content and level of detail in the SMM varies greatly. The Purbeck Local Plan was submitted for examination in January 2019. The submission draft of the local plan includes a number of references to Purbeck District Council, an earlier assessment of Local Housing Need and anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply that feed into the council's strategy to support the delivery of homes in this area.
33. Since January 2019, Dorset Council has been formed (April 2019). In consequence the references to the former Purbeck District Council are no longer factually accurate or up-to-date. Local Housing Need has been re-assessed to take into consideration the most up to date evidence which guides the affordability ratio between incomes and the prices of homes. The council has also updated rates of delivery and forecasts of housing yields to take account of the latest evidence from its five-year housing land supply reports.
34. During the local plan examination the council has also suggested changes to its strategic approach to mitigating against recreational impacts from new residential development on Dorset heaths habitat sites. It presented its interim mitigation strategy (FMMCD1) alongside several FMM. The key FMM focused on revision to Green Belt policy (Policy V2) and the policy relating to Morden holiday park and suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANG) (Policy I5). The council has also received new guidance from Natural England during the examination on nutrient pollution. This guidance re-defined the

council's understanding of the nature and scope of the issue as summarised in its Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 2017.

35. The appraisal will begin by screening the SMM and any reasonable alternatives (as part of this it will consider whether there are likely significant effects on social, economic, or environmental objectives) in order to determine its focus. Where there is a likelihood of a significant effect this will be assessed alongside any reasonable alternatives, and mitigation or monitoring will be recommended where necessary.
36. At each stage of the SA process all 'reasonable alternatives' to meet objectives must be assessed as required by Part (b) of Regulation 12(2) of The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. This regulation implies that alternatives that are not considered to be reasonable do not need to be appraised. The regulation states that reasonable alternatives will consider the objectives of the plan, as well as its geographical scope. Any alternatives that do not meet the objectives of national policy, or are outside of the Plan area, are unlikely to be reasonable.
37. Figure 1 shows the different stages the SA has undertaken so far and next steps in the plan making process.

Figure 1: showing different stages of the SA





## **The story of the examination of the Purbeck Local Plan and Sustainability Appraisal so far**

38. In January 2019, the council submitted a final draft of the Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034 and supporting information to the Secretary of State for examination. The supporting information included:

- Sustainability Appraisal scoping report 2013 [[SD68](#)];
- Sustainability Appraisal Issues and Options 2015 [[SD69](#)];
- Sustainability Appraisal ‘non technical summary’ [SD51] and ‘full version’ 2016 [[SD52](#)];
- Sustainability Appraisal ‘non technical summary’ [SD53] and ‘report’ 2018 [[SD54](#)];
- Submission Sustainability Appraisal (updated report following pre-submission draft) 2019 [[SD02](#)];
- Additional statement for Matter A, Issue 4: Sustainability Appraisal 2019 [SD62];
- Addendum to Sustainability Appraisal 2019 [[SD92](#)]
- Habitats Regulation Assessment Core Strategy Pre-submission draft 2010 [SD82] (relating to the adopted Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, 2012);
- Habitats Regulation Assessment for the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 2011 [SD76];
- Habitats Regulation Assessment Issues and Options 2015 [SD73];
- Habitats Regulation Assessment Options 2016 [SD74];
- Habitats Regulation Assessment New Homes for Purbeck 2018 [SD75]; and
- Habitats Regulation Assessment 2018 [SD03].

## **Examination of the Purbeck Local Plan and Main Modifications**

39. During the examination process, Main Modifications (MM) to the plan were tabled to ensure that local plan policy and text met the tests of soundness in national planning policy. The council also prepared a paper outlining issues and amendments to the local plan Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) following consideration of representation and the public hearing sessions held in July 2019 (‘Proposed Amendments to Purbeck Local Plan HRA following July examination hearings [SD89]).

40. The MM were subject to consultation between November 2020 and January 2021, and screened and assessed for any significant environmental, economic and/or social effects through an HRA and Sustainability Appraisal (SA). The references for SA and HRA are as follows:

- Habitats Regulations Assessment 2020 [[MMCD3](#)]; and

- Sustainability Appraisal of Main Modifications 2020 [[MMCD4](#)].

## **Further proposed Main Modifications**

41. After considering representations the council found merit in the following issues in responses on MM:

- that the evidence presented during the hearings [SD93] did not demonstrate that the council had fully examined the opportunity to deliver heathland infrastructure projects (including strategic suitable alternative natural greenspace (SANG)) in locations outside the Green Belt where they would serve a similar function, or on sites elsewhere within the Green Belt, without the need for changes to Green Belt boundaries;
- that as part of the process of examining alternatives the council did not fully explain its approach to funding the proposed Morden SANG or explore the opportunity to fund (through contributions collected via planning obligations or CIL contributions) heathland infrastructure projects independently of enabling development that required release of Green Belt; and
- that the comparison of alternatives did not include an evaluation of whether land to be released from the Green Belt as enabling development was proportionate with the SANG to be delivered (having regard to both its size and its function as part of the Green Belt).

42. In response to the issues raised through representation the council tabled Further Proposed Main Modifications (FMM). The FMM were subject to consultation held between 6 December 2021 and 24 January 2022. The scope of the FMM were limited to responding to the issues raised in the consultation on MM and included changes to 'Policy V2: Green Belt' and 'Policy I5: Morden Park strategic suitable alternative natural green space (SANG) and holiday park'. The FMM were subject to a HRA and SA, the references for these assessments are as follows:

- Sustainability Appraisal 2021 [[FMMCD2](#)]; and
- Habitats Regulation Assessment 2021 [[FMMCD3](#)].

## **New guidance on nutrient pollution**

43. On 16 March 2022 Natural England (NE) issued updated guidance<sup>2</sup> on nutrient pollution of marine and freshwater habitat sites. NE's guidance related to several habitat sites across the country including Poole Harbour. Large parts of the harbour and its wider catchment are also within the area that is defined as relating to the emerging Purbeck Local Plan. NE's guidance built upon earlier advice relating to Poole Harbour and clarified that the unfavourable condition of the harbour was in whole or part due to nutrient pollution from both nitrogen and phosphorus. Following NE's guidance government issued a [written ministerial statement](#) on this issue on 20 July 2022. The statement outlined

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<sup>2</sup> NE's guidance included: A [letter](#) dated 16 March 2022 'Advice for development proposals with the potential to affect water quality resulting in adverse nutrient impacts on habitats sites', a summary guide on '[Nutrient Neutrality](#)', a paper on '[Nutrient Neutrality Principles](#)', and a paper on '[Nutrient Neutrality Generic Methodology](#)'.

government's approach to addressing the issue of nutrient pollution of habitat sites. This included regulation through legislation<sup>3</sup> to upgrade the performance of wastewater treatment works (WWTW) and a national mitigation scheme to support 'nutrient neutrality' for 'qualifying development' in affected catchments.

### July 2022 examination hearings

44. The Inspectors examining the local plan scheduled a hearing session on 19 July 2022 to allow discussion of the issues raised by respondents on FMM. The nutrient pollution issue was not discussed at the hearing, but the Inspectors acknowledged NE's new guidance and the possible implications for the local plan's examination (including housing land supply and delivery within the harbour's catchment).
45. Following the July 2022 hearing the council corresponded with the Inspectors on:
- nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour;
  - implications of new guidance on nutrient pollution for housing land supply, housing delivery and the council's Interim Mitigation Strategy for Heathland Habitat Sites (2018/19 to 2023/24);
  - issues and errors relating to the local plan policies maps; and
  - changes relating to Policy I6: Wareham integrated health and social care.

### Further discussions on nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour

46. After the hearing the council received further specific guidance from NE around the implications of government's written ministerial statement, and regulation through the amendment to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB), in a letter dated [26 August 2022](#). NE's letter specifically considered the implications of new regulation on phosphorus neutrality, stating that 'On this basis new development assessed after the LURB is enacted (anticipated April 2023) would no longer be required to implement phosphorus neutrality measures. However, new permissions given prior to the enactment of the LURB will be required to demonstrate through Appropriate Assessment that appropriate measures or safeguards are in place to ensure phosphorus neutrality.'
47. Early in 2023 NE updated their advice shared in August 2022 around the need for new development to implement phosphorus neutrality after the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill is enacted. The Bill includes an exemption for smaller (i.e. those serving a population equivalent of less than 2000 people) wastewater processing plant. If this exemption were applied to the processing plant that discharge into Poole Harbour NE advise that there would still be a need for development to demonstrate phosphorus neutrality because levels would not be sufficiently reduced. The amended sections of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill gives the Secretary of State the discretion to apply the nutrient pollution standards to smaller processing plant. The council has written to the Secretary of State ([1](#)

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<sup>3</sup> Government tabled an amendment ([NC77](#)) to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill after publishing its July written ministerial statement which proposed that 'nutrient pollution standards' should be applied to improve the performance of sewage undertakers wastewater processing plant in sensitive catchments (i.e. the catchments relating to habitat sites which the Secretary of State considers are in an unfavourable condition because of nutrient pollution from either or both nitrogen or phosphorus). The nutrient pollution standards are prescribed in the amendment to the Bill, which also provides an 'upgrade date' (1 April 2030) when these standards take effect.

[February 2023](#)) inviting him to exercise his discretion to apply the nutrient pollution standards more widely to the smaller wastewater processing plant discharging into Poole Harbour.

### **Inspectors' interim findings and next steps**

48. The Inspectors wrote to the council on [24 May 2023](#) with their interim findings and 'next steps'. The Inspectors findings relate to housing land supply and Local Housing Need, FMM and the approach to Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace, nutrient neutrality, Wareham integrated health and social care and changes to local plan policies maps. The council has been in regular correspondence (see SD136 to SD148 and COR17 to COR26 on the [council's website](#)) with the Inspectors on these issues following the July 2022 hearing.

### **Summer 2023**

49. In response to the Inspectors, during the summer of 2023 the council published an updated assessment of Local Housing Need (LHN) (SMMCD5) for the Purbeck area. LHN was calculated using the method published government in planning practice guidance. Planning practice guidance advises that 'There is an expectation that the standard method will be used and that any other method will be used only in exceptional circumstances.' (Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 2a-003-20190220). The council has not previously found that there were any exceptional circumstances for using a different method to calculate a LHN, and nor did it find any exceptional circumstances in the latest assessment (SMMCD5).

50. At around the same time the council has also published an updated five-year housing land supply report (SMMCD4). The report considers the latest monitoring evidence that the council has gathered on rates of housing delivery in the Purbeck area and forecast yields from different sources of housing land supply. The forecasts of yields are guided by planning policy and guidance on 'deliverability' of development.

51. At the time (Autumn 2023) of preparing this addendum, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill is at 'report stage' in the Houses of Lords (there is a scheduled third reading by the House Lords followed by consideration of amendments before the Bill can receive Royal Assent). A further amendment to the Bill was tabled on 29 August 2023. Alongside the earlier amendment relating to nutrient pollution standards on wastewater treatment works, it also includes changes to The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ). The amendment tables revision to insert a further regulation after Regulation 85. Regulation 85A as tabled in the amendment states:

85A—(1) This regulation applies where—

(a) a competent authority makes a relevant decision,

(b) the potential development is development in England,

(c) urban waste water from any potential development could affect a relevant site, and

(d) that waste water would be dealt with—

- (i) under an environmental permit granted under Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, or
- (ii) in accordance with standard rules published under Chapter 4 of Part 2 of those Regulations.

(2) When making the relevant decision, the competent authority must assume that nutrients in urban waste water from the potential development, whether alone or in combination with other factors, will not adversely affect the relevant site.

(3) Accordingly, a potentially adverse effect on a relevant site caused by nutrients in urban waste water, whether alone or in combination with other factors, is not a ground for the competent authority to determine that—

(a) an appropriate assessment is required by regulation 63(1) or 65(2), or

(b) the potential development will adversely affect the integrity of the relevant site or otherwise have negative implications for the site.

(4) The assumption in paragraph (2) must be made even if a finding (however described) to the contrary is made—

(a) in the conclusions of an appropriate assessment, carried out in accordance with regulation 63(1) or 65(2) and despite paragraph (3)(a),

(b) in representations made by the appropriate nature conservation body, in accordance with regulation 63(3), or

(c) by any other person. (5) A competent authority is not to be regarded as having failed to comply with a duty imposed by any provision of these Regulations or another enactment because it has acted in accordance with this regulation.

52. The proposed addendum to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill set out above was not successful when voted upon in the House of Lords and therefore, it now seems likely that the Government would be required to bring forward separate legislation announced in a subsequent Kings Speech should it intend to proceed with those changes to the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. As such, there is currently significant uncertainty around the process and timescales of any such changes to the need for an appropriate assessment around nutrient pollution in wastewater and the scope of the application of the nutrient pollution standards to wastewater processing plant that discharge into Poole Harbour habitat site. It follows that the SMMs to the Plan are intended to provide necessary flexibility to address the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, and any subsequent changes in legislation should they take place during the Plan period.

## **Scope of this SA**

53. The scope of the SA focuses on the issues relating to those SMM which will form part of the emerging local plan, alongside any cumulative and synergistic effects on the local plan as a whole arising from SMM. The SMM are presented in a separate document alongside proposed Main Modifications (MM) and further proposed Main Modifications (FMM) (SMMCD1). Collectively these Main Modifications have been assessed as necessary to make the local plan sound and legally compliant. Both MM and FMM have been assessed through separate addendum to Sustainability Appraisals (MMCD4 for the appraisal on MM and FMMCD2 for the appraisal on FMM) that were published with other materials (including Habitats Regulation Assessments (HRA)) for consultation. As part of the appraisal the council has considered whether SMM alongside FMM and MM are likely to have significant effects. The council has also prepared an addendum to earlier HRA which will be published alongside this SA and which has been taken into consideration when undertaking the assessments in this document.
54. The background for proposing SMM is outlined next, alongside the justification for changes to the local plan policies maps.

### **Nutrient neutrality**

55. The unitary authorities in Dorset have previously recognised that nitrogen pollution in wastewater discharged into the ground and water courses of the Poole Harbour catchment is likely to have significant effects on this habitat site<sup>4</sup>. The council prepared a 'nitrogen neutrality strategy'<sup>5</sup>, to fund and support delivery of mitigation projects to ensure that there were no adverse effects from additional nitrogen discharges into the harbour's catchment from the wastewater arising from development. The strategy, and more specifically the detailed plans for funding and delivering mitigation projects, focuses on mitigating the impacts of nitrogen rather than both nitrogen and phosphorous.
56. The Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) prepared for the local plan recognises the issue of nutrient levels in Poole Harbour and the impacts of treated wastewater discharged into the harbour ([SD03](#)). It goes onto specifically consider the effect of nitrogen on the habitat site but does not screen phosphorous as likely to have significant effects.
57. Policy E9: Poole Harbour (see submission draft local plan [SD01a](#)) relates to the habitat site and the effects of nitrogen and recreational activity on the condition of the harbour. The policy expressly refers to 'nitrogen neutrality' without any references to phosphorous or nutrient neutrality more generally. The supporting text to Policy E9 also includes specific references to 'nitrogen' and 'nitrogen neutrality' (paragraphs 86, 87 and 88 of the Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034).
58. Following the examination hearings held in July 2022, the council has been in correspondence with the Inspectors on the nutrient pollution issue in Poole Harbour. Through this engagement the council published the Inspectors' interim findings and next steps letter 24 May 2023 which invites the council to prepare Main Modifications to:

'Policies E7, E9, H3, H11 and I1 and their supporting text to provide a sound approach to nutrient neutrality with respect to the effects of development in the Poole Harbour

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4 See paragraphs 8.3 to 8.11 (pages 93 to 95) and Tables 3/4 of the 'Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Purbeck Local Plan Review, Main Modifications and Further Main Modifications' October 2021 ([FMMCD3](#)).

5 [Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document, 1 April 2017](#)

catchment. This includes the necessary requirements of and options for applications for residential development to address the impact of both additional nitrogen and phosphorus generation arising from it to enable the deliverability of housing in the short term. The SMMs' should take account of the concerns regarding the use of planning obligations / viability / affordable housing. (Inspectors' interim findings and next steps, 24 May 2023).'

### **Updates to housing land supply, Local Housing Need and Wareham integrated health and social care**

59. The council has published an updated assessment of Local Housing Need and an updated five-year housing land supply. After it was formed in April 2019, Dorset Council has continued to monitor housing land supply and delivery on the basis of the adopted local plans that cover Dorset Council area. When calculating Local Housing Need in the most recently published five-year housing land supply reports the council has applied the 2021 affordability ratio. For consistency across Dorset Council area the council has used the 2021 affordability ratio to calculate Local Housing Need in the published five-year housing land supply report for this area (SMMCD4). The local housing need calculated using the 2021 affordability ratio equates to 186 dwellings per annum. This equates to 6 dwellings per annum more than the assessed need of 180 dwellings per annum that were assessed as required in the five-year housing land supply report published alongside Main Modifications (MMCD5).
60. The current five-year housing land supply report (SMMCD4) demonstrates that there is a sufficient supply of sites to meet the areas housing needs without any substantive or material changes to the development strategy outlined in the publication draft Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034). The key local plan policy allocations would not need to be altered in response to the updated Local Housing Need assessment, and therefore the council's spatial strategy for sustainable growth would remain unaltered. The council is satisfied that the changes in the locally assessed housing needs would not give rise any significant environmental effects on the local plan when assessed against sustainability objectives.
61. The council received clarification early in 2022 that Dorset Health Care would not be taking forward development of a new health hub on Wareham Middle School site (this arises from a decision to work in a different way after the Covid-19 pandemic and considering the opportunities to achieve integration through digital means<sup>6</sup>. The development of the health hub on the Wareham Middle School site would have allowed re-development of an existing NHS hospital site with homes). The council still expects the General Practitioners Surgery to develop a new standalone surgery on the Middle School site but awaits clarification on this. The Building Better Lives Team at the council has also taken a decision postpone proposals to redevelop Anglebury Court, Bonnets Lane, Wareham as part of the Middle School project.
62. The council has updated the housing land supply in its latest reports to reflect its new position on Bonnets Lane and Dorset Healthcare's position on the former Middle School site. The revisions to Policy I6 and the local plan policies maps reflect the latest housing land supply position and delivery of the health hub at the Wareham Middle School site.

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<sup>6</sup> See report on 'Purbeck Gateway' to the council's Cabinet dated [1 March 2022](#).

## **FMM and the approach to Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG)**

63. FMM principally relate to Green Belt policy (Policy V2) and Morden Strategic SANG and holiday park (Policy I5). The Inspectors' letter of the 24 May 2023 summarises their interim findings on these issues (as discussed during the July 2022 hearings). Following on from their consideration of the issues, their letter invites the council to consider Main Modifications to:

'Policies E8, H3, I5 and their supporting text to provide certainty of the intended approach to SANG delivery to divert visitor pressure to ensure that there is no net increase in recreation pressure on internationally protected heathland provide mitigation and/or the necessary forms of mitigation to achieve that outcome. This should include any commitments for further work to be undertaken in respect of heathland mitigation in due course to assist deliverability of residential development taking account of the timescales for preparation of the Dorset Council Local Plan, and specifically address the delivery options for the strategic SANG.' (Inspectors' interim findings and next steps, 24 May 2023).

### **Other changes to local plan policies**

64. The council has also proposed identified a number of errors and inconsistencies in the drafting of the local plan. These errors and inconsistencies have been identified in the course of the examination (including through the process of preparing the SMM).

### **Changes to local plan policies maps**

65. Following the consultation on FMM the council identified a number of issues (including errors and inconsistencies) between the local plan policies maps relating to Bere Regis, Wareham and the catchment area for Poole Harbour habitat site. A paper has been prepared to summarise these issues and to outline changes to the maps. The Inspectors' interim findings and next steps letter advises that:

'The Policies Map is not defined in statute as a development plan document and therefore, we do not have the power to recommend main modifications to it.'  
(Inspectors' interim findings and next steps, 24 May 2023).

66. Notwithstanding the status of the policies maps the Inspectors suggest that the council should consider any changes connected with SMM that are necessary to ensure that the local plan and map can be interpreted coherently to ensure plan policies are justified and effective.

### **Schedule of SMM**

67. This schedule lists the SMM that the council has prepared to the local plan in response to the issues outlined above and which are the subject of the consultation:

- SMM88 – Foreword to local plan;



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- SMM1 – Chapter 1, Introduction to the local plan, paragraph 3;
- SMM3 – Chapter 2, Vision and objectives, paragraphs 43 and 44;
- SMM4 – Chapter 2, Vision and objectives, insert text after paragraph 44;
- SMM5 – Chapter 2, Vision and objectives, Policy V1: Spatial strategy for sustainable communities;
- SMM6 – Chapter 2, Vision and objectives, paragraphs 45 to 48;
- SMM8 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 52 to 54;
- SMM14 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraph 81;
- SMM15 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraph 83;
- SMM16 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraph 85;
- SMM18 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraph 95;
- SMM19 – Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E7: Conservation of protected species;
- SMM20 – Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E8: Dorset heathlands;
- SMM86 – Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 86 to 91;
- SMM21 – Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E9: Poole Harbour;
- SMM24 – Chapter 3, Environment, Policy12: Design;
- SMM25 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 110 and 111;
- SMM26 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H1: Local housing requirement;
- SMM27 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 114;
- SMM28 - Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 116 to 118;
- SMM29 – Chapter 4, Housing, housing trajectory;
- SMM30 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H2: The housing land supply;
- SMM31 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 118;
- SMM32 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H3: New housing development requirements;
- SMM33 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 122;
- SMM35 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H4: Moreton Station / Redbridge Pit
- SMM38 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H5: Wool;
- SMM40 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H6: Lytchett Matravers;
- SMM41 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H7: Upton;
- SMM42 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 148 and 149;
- SMM43 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H8: Small sites next to existing settlements;
- SMM45 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H9: Housing Mix;
- SMM46 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H10: Accessible and adaptable homes;
- SMM47 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H11: Affordable housing;
- SMM48 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 170;
- SMM49 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 171 to 172;
- SMM52 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H12: Rural exceptions sites;
- SMM53 – Chapter 4, Housing paragraph 181;
- SMM54 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H13: Rural workers homes in the countryside;
- SMM59 – Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 191 to 192;

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- SMM60 – Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H15: Meeting the needs of gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople;
- SMM61 – Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE1: Employment land supply;
- SMM63 – Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE2: Planning for employment;
- SMM64 – Chapter 5, Economy, paragraph 215;
- SMM65 – Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE3: Vibrant town and local centres;
- SMM66 – Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE4: Supporting vibrant and attractive tourism;
- SMM68 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraph 230;
- SMM69 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I1: Developers contributions to deliver Purbeck’s infrastructure
- SMM71 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I2: Improving accessibility and transport
- SMM72 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraph 249;
- SMM76 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraphs 256 to 257;
- SMM77 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I5: Morden Park strategic suitable alternative nature green space (SANG) and holiday park;
- SMM87 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraphs 263 to 265;
- SMM78 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I6: Wareham integrated health and social care;
- SMM81 – Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I7: Community facilities and services;
- SMM82 – Chapter 7, Implementation delivery and monitoring, monitoring framework;
- SMM84 – Insert Appendix 1; and
- SMM85 – Insert Appendix 2.

## Reasonable alternatives

### SMM and reasonable alternatives

68. Appendix 3 of this appraisal comprises a table which evaluates the potential for reasonable alternatives for each of the SMM. After considering the nature and justification for the most recent SMM there could potentially be reasonable alternatives to the approach outlined in SMM87 and SMM21 around nutrient neutrality. For the other SMM listed in Table 1 reasonable alternatives have already been assessed as part of earlier SA conducted for the local plan (i.e. through MM (MMCD4) and/or FMM (FMMCD2)) or it has been concluded that there are no other reasonable alternatives to the suggested SMM (this is often because the change corrects an error or issue, or reflects updated evidence or a change in circumstances). For this reason the assessment of reasonable alternatives, in this iteration of the SA is limited to considering those relating to SMM87 and SMM21 and the approach to nutrient neutrality.

### Assessment of reasonable alternatives

69. Following Natural England's guidance on nutrient pollution of habitat sites in March 2022 the council has considered several potential alternative approaches to responding to the nutrient pollution issue. These alternatives include:

- a) Approach to nutrient neutrality including:
  - Site specific mitigation measures for planning applications
  - Short term offsite mitigation measures.
  - Medium to long term offsite mitigation measures.
- b) Nutrient pollution safeguarding approach.
- c) Restricting development.

70. *Alternative a)* – This approach has developed in consultation with the local plan Planning Inspectors. It takes account of their reservations around the uncertainties connected with alternative b) and the possibility that this alternative would not support delivery of new homes in the short term:

'We have had regard to the previous Council correspondence with respect to nutrient neutrality, including the Dorset Council Position Statement dated November 2022, which sets out the approach of using pre-commencement conditions to address phosphorus loading in the Poole Harbour catchment. In that regard, as set out in our previous letter dated 16 February 2023, we have some concerns that a singular reliance on such an approach is unlikely to support the deliverability of housing in the short term.' (Inspectors' 'Interim findings and next steps' May 2023, COR28).

71. On this same issue, their note goes onto state:

'In particular, the SMMs will need to clearly set out the necessary requirements of and options for applications for residential development to address the impacts of both additional nitrogen and phosphorus generation arising from it. The identified options in the SMMs will need to incorporate sufficient flexibility to ensure that nutrient neutrality would be capable of resolution through the planning application process to ensure

deliverability of housing in advance of the lead-in times for any requirements in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill for the improvement of wastewater treatment works.' (Inspectors' 'Interim findings and next steps' May 2023, COR28).

72. The SMM to local plan policy provides a framework for achieving nutrient neutrality where necessary for accordance with The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations), and as part of this SA some of the potential mitigation options that could be delivered through this framework have been appraised (more details on these mitigation options is presented below).
73. *Alternative b)* - As part of this process the council prepared a technical paper ([SD139](#), published in the Examination library) which set out the implications of the announcement on nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour, the need for changes to emerging policy and updated Habitats Regulation Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal.
74. Through SD139 the council committed to review the existing Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document and outlined the need for an 'interim approach' to addressing phosphorus pollution in wastewater pending the confirmation around the nutrient pollution standards in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The technical paper outlined a possible 'local safeguarding approach' that involved providing a commitment to deliver phosphorus mitigation for any development given planning permission prior to Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill receiving Royal Assent.
75. The approach in SD139 was reviewed alongside other options in a position statement ([SD148](#), published in the Examination library). The position also considered short term measures to improve the performance of wastewater treatment plant, alongside the earlier option of committing to deliver mitigation for development given planning permission prior to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill receiving Royal Assent and the use of planning conditions to control the implementation of planning permissions (restricting development where satisfactory mitigation could not be delivered). SD148 presented the third option as the preferred means of addressing the issue.
76. *Alternative c)* - After Natural England's guidance the council has taken the approach of restricting qualifying development in Poole Harbour catchment unless developments demonstrate: nitrogen neutrality in accordance with the adopted Supplementary Planning Document and phosphorus neutrality.
77. Further details on each of the alternatives is provided below.

### **Alternative a) - Approach to nutrient neutrality**

78. The approach to nutrient neutrality comprises a series of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures to be delivered on and off site.

### **Site specific mitigation measures for planning applications**

79. This approach places the onus on applicants to identify and deliver appropriate and effective mitigation measures for nutrient pollution arising from their developments.
80. These measures might potentially include:

- a) Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) designed to reduce nutrient concentrations from surface water flows run-off from development sites;
- b) water efficiency measures;
- c) where not feasible (taking account of cost and practicability) to discharge wastewater into a public sewer, package treatment plant which operate more efficiently than existing wastewater treatment plant; and
- d) changes in land management to reduce nutrient flows and offset the impacts of nutrient pollution from development.

81. It may not be possible to deploy these measures on all development sites (in particular there may be limited opportunities on smaller brownfield urban sites) and the measures may not provide effective mitigation for all the forecast nutrient loading from development in perpetuity.

### **Short term offsite mitigation measures**

82. These measures would not provide effective mitigation for nutrient pollution in perpetuity and some will not be effective across the entire catchment, but could offer 'bridging' mitigation for a defined period whilst long term mitigation measures were being developed and delivered.

83. Measures potentially could include:

- a) temporary upgrades to the efficiency of wastewater treatment works (in advance, and pending the upgrades required through LURB) to strip more nutrients from wastewater;
- b) applying planning conditions to limit water use in qualifying development to 110 litres per person per day. These measures are only likely to be effective when wastewater from the qualifying development is processed by higher performing wastewater treatment plant; and
- c) temporary cover crops, comprising crops to reduce rates of surface water run-off and flows of nutrients (through higher rates of infiltration and reducing overland flow velocity) from agricultural land during autumn and winter.

### **Medium to long term offsite mitigation measures**

84. Measures potentially could include:

- a) creating wetlands to hold nutrients (through deposition of phosphate particles bound in sediment and uptake of nutrients through growth of vegetation) and prevent them reaching the habitat site;
- b) re-introducing beavers to manage water flows within the drainage catchment and to hold nutrients (dams created by beavers would encourage deposition of phosphate particles bound in sediment and uptake of nutrients through growth of vegetation) and prevent them reaching the habitat site;

- c) taking land out of agricultural use (ceasing the use of fertilisers and intensive use for the rearing of livestock), coupled with changes in land management (for example to woodland, grassland, wet woodland or energy crops, leading to reduced rates of run-off, erosion and uptake of nutrients through growth of vegetation) to reduce nutrient flows into the habitat site and offset the impacts of development;
- d) forming riparian buffers, comprising buffer zones positioned between agricultural land and watercourses to intercept and filter nutrient in surface water run-off (through deposition of phosphate particles bound in sediment, reduced rates of erosion and uptake of nutrients from the vegetation growing in the buffer), before it reaches receiving watercourses; and
- e) creating more efficient and effective package treatment plants and septic tanks, comprising smaller scale measures which act to strip nutrients from wastewater more efficiently than existing wastewater treatment plant.

85. These longer-term measures are likely to take time to develop and deliver, and would require monitoring to evaluate their effectiveness. There is a growing evidence base and expertise to support their delivery and to accurately quantify anticipated reductions in nutrient flows into the habitat site. Many of these mitigation measures are also likely to deliver stacked environmental benefits potentially: assisting in adaptation (reducing the causes and impacts of flooding) and mitigation (carbon sequestration) of climate change, enhancing biodiversity and increasing accessibility/recreation in the countryside.

### **Alternative b) – Nutrient pollution safeguarding approach**

86. This approach involves the council using planning controls (specifically planning conditions) to prevent ‘qualifying development’ beginning until the requirement for upgrades to wastewater treatment works is enacted in legislation. The restriction would ensure that there are no additional nutrient flows (from either surface or wastewater) into the harbour, but it would also restrict delivery of qualifying development.

87. Qualifying development comprises:

‘Development that is caught by the nutrient neutrality advice includes any new development that would result in a net increase in population served by a wastewater system. This includes all developments that increase overnight accommodation including new residential units, tourist accommodation and tourist attractions.’

88. The definition is based upon the guidance offered by Natural England in their letter 16 March 2022 and the Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document April 2017. The safeguarding approach would have implications for delivery of new homes within the Poole Harbour catchment, but potentially for only a limited period pending the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill receiving Royal Assent and/or alternative legislative approaches to be progressed by Government.

### **Alternative c) - Restricting development**

89. This approach involves the council using planning controls to restrict (by not giving planning permission) ‘qualifying development’ in the Poole Harbour catchment area.

90. There are likely to be negative implications associated with this alternative for housing supply and delivery in Purbeck, and therefore the sustainability objective relating to meeting the area’s housing needs.

**Next steps**

91. The appraisals of alternatives, and SMM, against sustainability objectives are summarised below.

**Appraising the SMM and reasonable alternatives**

**Methodology for assessment**

92. The methodology for undertaking the SA is derived from that used in earlier SA iterations. Both proposed policies and allocations have been assessed within a matrix where the policy or allocation is “pitched” against the eight SA Objectives and the outcome noted using the colours and symbols shown in Table 10.

Table 10: Shows colour representing different effects.

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93. Each alternative to the nutrient neutrality approach have been screened to ascertain whether it is likely to cause significant environmental, economic and/or social effects. Where the screening suggests there may be significant effects, the proposed approach has been fully assessed for short, medium and long term effects against the SA objectives. Where necessary, recommendations, mitigation and/or monitoring indicators are suggested to obviate any negative impacts.

94. Reasonable alternatives to the nutrient neutrality approach and their screening, assessments, mitigation and/or monitoring are presented in Appendix 1.

95. The effects on the SA objectives arising from the proposals have been summarised below and relate primarily to the likely short-term impacts. This is because it is anticipated that the Dorset Council Local Plan would deliver medium to long term strategies for mitigation.

**Reasonable alternatives, SMM and their likely impact on SA objectives**

**How do SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue help in the objective of meeting as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible?**

96. The SMM are not likely to have any significant effect on meeting as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible. SMM: 5, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 have all been updated to reflect the latest evidence on forecast yields of homes from different sources of housing land supply, anticipated rates of delivery and the latest assessment of local housing need. The updates to the local plan mean that its strategy has been refreshed to take account of the latest evidence on need for homes in Purbeck and different sources of supply. Based on

forecast yields, the local plan continues to identify a sufficient supply of land to meet the areas needs over the plan period. An update on the local housing need (SMM26) will have a minor beneficial impact as it identifies a slight increase since the main modifications.

SMM do not seek to materially change earlier Main Modifications (assessed in an addendum to the SA: [MMCD4](#)) to key housing allocations and the Policies H9 (housing mix) and H10 (Part M of the Building Regulations). These earlier modifications include those relating to the housing allocations which introduce the word 'around' as a preface to the expected yield of homes, in turn creating uncertainty around delivery. (This uncertainty is mitigated by joint work between the council and developers on forecasting yields from sites after taking into consider their size and relevant planning issues). The earlier modifications also make revisions to Policy H9 which is also considered in the earlier SA.

### *Nutrient pollution issue*

97. The council considers that the approach of nutrient neutrality is a pragmatic response to an issue raised in the course of the local plan's examination. This approach will allow the council to continue to grant planning permission for qualifying development within Poole Harbour's catchment where it is satisfied that nutrient neutrality, where necessary for accordance with Policy E9 and The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, can be achieved. Subject to enactment of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB), taking account of timescales for relevant planning processes there could be very minimal or no delays to the delivery of new homes allocated through local plan policy.
98. In the event that the enactment of LURB is further delayed, applicant/developers and the council would have the opportunity to explore delivery of mitigation measures for nutrient pollution. This appraisal outlines several possible measures which have the potential to mitigate impacts on and off-site in the short, medium, and long term. The need for measures to mitigate pollution from phosphorus in wastewater is only likely to arise in the short to medium term because of the anticipated nutrient pollution standards in LURB.
99. Restricting development is likely to have negative effects on both delivery of new homes and the supply of sites for new homes. The safeguarding approach is likely to have uncertain effects on the delivery of new homes because of its interdependency on the nutrient pollution standards in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. The magnitude of these negative/uncertain effects would in part be determined by the length of time it takes the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill to receive Royal Assent and the scope of the nutrient pollution standards (i.e. which wastewater treatment plant they will be applied to).

### **How do SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue help in the objective to promote services and facilities where need is identified?**

100. SMM are not likely to have any significant effect on this objective. The SA conducted for Main Modifications (MMCD4) notes that Main Modification (MM) 4 sought to reinforce the local plan's spatial strategy through the positive distribution of development to help sustain and enhance existing services and facilities. The council is proposing SMM to



MM4, but the SMM does not materially alter or undermine the earlier Main Modification as it is proposed in order to update terms of reference for the local plan area.

### *Nutrient pollution issue*

101. The nutrient neutrality approach, where necessary for compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, is likely to have minor direct and indirect effects on the promotion or delivery of services or facilities. Indirectly, the approach supports delivery of planned and unplanned qualifying development in Poole Harbour's catchment. This development is likely to create demand which will support existing services and facilities. The council's local plan allocations for new homes also make provision for retail development (Policy H4 and H5), a community meeting place or hub (Policy H5), investment in health and education infrastructure, and support improved connectivity between services and facilities. The local plan also includes a specific policy relating to the delivery of health, social care, and new homes in Wareham (Policy I6).
102. The alternative which restricts development entirely, is likely to have indirect negative effects on the promotion of services and facilities as they will slow down housing delivery and constrict demand for services and facilities. It is unclear what impact the safeguarding approach might have because of the uncertainty connected to the progression and scope of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

### **Will the SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue assist in the objective of harnessing the economic potential of tourism and widening employment opportunities in Purbeck?**

103. The SA on Main Modifications refers MM4 (relating to supporting text in the chapter on vision and objectives), MM77 (relating to Policy I5) and MM57 (relating to Policy H14). SMM to MM4 do not seek to materially alter the content of earlier changes. MM57 is not subject to SMM. MMCD4 notes that MM77 provides 'more certainty about the delivery of a holiday park in conjunction with a strategic SANG helping to supply local employment and encourage tourism.' SMM77, alongside FMM77, takes away this certainty as the modified Policy I5 no longer refers to the holiday park as enabling development for the strategic SANG (Policy V2 (FMM7)) is also subject to Main Modifications that take out references to changes to Green Belt boundaries at Morden). FMM and SMM 77 therefore both have a negative impact because they create uncertainty around delivery of the holiday homes which have been previously assessed (MMCD4) as positively contributing to local employment and encouraging local tourism. SMM do not materially alter those earlier changes that were presented as part of FMM which have already been subject to SA through FMMCD2.
104. SMM do not materially affect the content of earlier Main Modifications relating to employment land at Wareham (MM61) and land adjacent to Dorset Innovation Park (MM61). The earlier SA (MMCD4) previously assessed these changes as having a negative effect as they reduce levels of employment land.

### *Nutrient pollution issue*

105. Natural England's updated guidance specifically relates to 'qualifying development' within Poole Harbour's catchment. The approach to nutrient neutrality will allow the

examination of the emerging local plan to progress in a timely manner, including its policies relating to tourism (Policy EE4: Supporting vibrant and attractive tourism) and support delivery of overnight tourist accommodation in the Poole Harbour catchment.

106. The alternative which applies restrictions on qualifying development within the harbour's catchment, are likely to have negative effects on this sustainability objective by restricting delivery and/or supply of land for tourism development which is also defined as qualifying development. It is unclear what impact the safeguarding approach might have because of the uncertainty connected to the progression and scope of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

**Will SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking, and use of public transport?**

107. The earlier SA relating to Main Modifications (MMCD4) states that MM4 (which introduced a hierarchy of settlements that are ranked according to their size, and numbers of services and facilities) was likely to have positive contributions as it could reduce the need to travel by car and encourage active or sustainable means of travel. SMM4 does not materially affect the drafting of MM4 or the positive impact of this change.
108. SMM72 does not materially affect MM72 and the positive contribution that that this change was assessed as making as regards to delivery of green infrastructure through neighbourhood plans.

*Nutrient pollution issue*

109. The nutrient neutrality approach will not have any direct effects on the provision of services or promote active travel/sustainable travel. As with other objectives, the approach is necessary to ensure that planned and unplanned qualifying development is in compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations when within the catchment of the Poole Harbour habitat site. The nutrient neutrality approach will indirectly support delivery of the development strategy in the local plan. This strategy encourages sustainable patterns of growth, which reduce the need to travel, support active (including through investment in local infrastructure) and sustainable travel.
110. The alternative which restricts the supply of land for qualifying development and the delivery of this development is likely to have indirect negative effects on this sustainability objective. It is unclear what impact the safeguarding approach might have because of the uncertainty connected to the progression and scope of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

**Will SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes?**

111. MMCD4 notes that MM72 will make a positive contribution to this objective through delivery of green infrastructure. SMM72 does not materially affect the content or effect of paragraph 249 and the text relating to delivery of green infrastructure through

neighbourhood plans. The Main Modification would therefore continue to make a positive contribution to this objective.

*Nutrient pollution issue*

112. Some of the on-site and off-site mitigation in the nutrient neutrality approach may have the potential to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding (potentially assisting in managing and controlling rates of flow in river flood plains and from surface water run-off) and mitigate the effects of climate change through sequestration of carbon. Nutrient mitigation measures, where required for compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, may make a positive contribution to this objective alongside their primary role.
113. The other alternatives are not likely to have a significant effect on this sustainability objective.

**Do SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue assist with the objective of protecting and enhancing habitats and species?**

114. The SA (MMCD4) conducted on Main Modifications notes the positive contributions that modifications relating to SANG would confer (referencing MM6, MM7, MM35, MM37, MM38, MM40 and MM41). The following SMM are proposed: SMM6, SMM35, SMM38, SMM40 and SMM41. The proposed SMM do not materially affect the substance of the following Main Modifications: SMM6 (updated references to the 'District), SMM35 (updated references to legislative framework connected to protected habitats), SMM38 (updated references to legislative framework connected to protected habitats), SMM40 (updated references to the 'District). For these reasons the council may still conclude that the earlier changes to these policies will make positive contribution toward delivery of heathland infrastructure projects, and specifically SANG.
115. SMM are also proposed to MM32 and MM43. SMM32 includes cross references to Policy E9 (Poole Harbour) and the supporting text. Policy E9 and its support text have been revised to take account of the council's approach to nutrient neutrality in the Poole Harbour catchment. This change is likely to make a positive contribution toward delivery of nutrient mitigation projects, where required for compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. SMM43 updates references to legislative framework connected to protected habitats, without material affect to the policy's substance.

*Nutrient pollution issue*

116. Yes. Nutrient neutrality, where required for compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, provides a mechanism for directly protecting Poole Harbour habitat site from the nutrient pollution connected with qualifying development (including new homes) within its catchment (see SMM86 and SMM21 which outline the council's approach to nutrient neutrality and make revisions to Policy E9 taking account of the latest guidance from Natural England). The nutrient mitigation measures may also confer indirect environmental benefits, potentially creating habitats and enhancing biodiversity.

117. The other alternatives will also have a positive effect on this objective, but they will not confer wider indirect environmental benefits.

**Will SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue assist in the objective of protecting and enhancing Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape and cultural and historical assets?**

118. None of the SMM have been directly justified in response to landscape, townscape, or historic environment issues. The SMM proposed are unlikely to materially affect (either positively or negatively) the operation of these policies, and therefore the local plan's contribution to this sustainability objective. (The SMM do not amend MM9, a modification proposed to re-emphasise the weight attached to conserving and enhancing designated landscapes in decision taking).

*Nutrient pollution issue*

119. The nutrient neutrality approach, where required for compliance with The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, may have direct and indirect effects on Purbeck's landscape, townscape, cultural and heritage assets. The nature of the effects would need to be assessed on a project-by-project basis. There should be opportunities to take these considerations into account when selecting projects so as to avoid adverse impacts and work positively to deliver projects with wider benefits to landscape character/visual amenity, townscape, cultural and heritage assets.

120. The other alternatives are not likely to have a significant effect on this sustainability objective.

**Will the SMM and the alternatives to the nutrient pollution issue assist in the objective to minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources?**

121. Aside from those SMM relating to nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour (SMM86 and SMM21), none of the SMM have been directly justified to address pollution or consumption of natural resource issues. The SMM proposed are unlikely to materially affect (either positively or negatively) the operation of policies relating to these issues, and therefore the local plan's contribution to this sustainability objective.

122. The revision to SMM4 will not have any material effects on the operation of the policy, and the indirect benefits flowing from active and sustainable patterns of travel that are linked to locating development in accordance with the settlement hierarchy.

*Nutrient pollution issue*

123. Positive effect in part. The nutrient neutrality approach, where required for compliance with The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, will not minimise all forms of pollution, but it does seek to address nutrient pollution affecting a selected habitat site. Some of the mitigation measures may also indirectly confer wider improvements to water quality by reducing other sources of pollutants. It is not clear whether the proposed approach to nutrient neutrality will also minimise consumption of natural resources. Some

of the mitigation measures (in particular those reliant on human technologies) may lead to consumption of natural resources when they are established and on an ongoing basis thereafter. There should be opportunities to revisit these issues as part of the process of selecting, designing, delivering and maintaining these mitigation measures.

124. As with the nutrient neutrality approach, the other alternatives are likely to positively contribute toward protecting Poole Harbour from the pollution connected with further qualifying development in the harbour's catchment. These alternatives would not confer any wider indirect benefits in the same way as those mitigation measures in the nutrient neutrality approach.

**Snapshot of assessment of reasonable alternatives for nutrient pollution issue, as required for compliance with Policy E9 and The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations**

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Sustainability objective	Alternatives		
	a) Approach to nutrient neutrality	b) Safeguarding approach	c) Restricting development
Meet as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible	+	u	-
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	u	-
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	+	u	-

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	u	-
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	u	n
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	u	u	n
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+

### Impacts of SMM on the local plan as a whole

125. The council has conducted a screening exercise for reasonable alternatives to SMM. It has only found fresh alternatives relating to SMM21 and SM86 (these SMM outline the council's approach to nutrient neutrality). Alternatives relating to SMM76 and SMM77 (these SMM relate to the council's interim mitigation strategy) are presented and appraised through an earlier SA (FMMCD2). There has not been any further change in circumstances since this appraisal was undertaken (the SMM primarily relate to clarification received from the Inspectors following the hearing session held in July 2022).
126. Taken as a whole the SMM can be broadly grouped into a number of categories:
- i. Those undertaken in response to changes in factual circumstances – These include those SMM that have updated the reference to the council area following local government re-organisation in Dorset, the updated assessment of Local Housing Need and the refreshed evidence on housing land supply (which updates forecast yields from different sources of supply – in particular in regard to Wareham SMM87 and SMM78). These SMM have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole. The SMM may address more than one factual issue and include: SMM1, SMM88, SMM3, SMM4, SMM5, SMM6, SMM8, SMM24, SMM25, SMM27, SMM28, SMM29, SMM30, SMM31, SMM33, SMM40, SMM47, SMM48, SMM61, SMM64, SMM71, SMM85. The very limited increase in overall housing numbers (an additional 3 per year) does not require any changes to the key local plan housing allocations as set out in the submission draft local plan, or the council's spatial strategy for sustainable growth.
  - ii. Those correcting errors or those undertaken to ensure the plan's effectiveness – In general terms these SMM provide clarification or address an error to ensure effectiveness. They have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole and include: SMM14, SMM15, SMM18, SMM19, SMM20, SMM32, SMM35, SMM38, SMM41, SMM42, SMM43, SMM45, SMM46, SMM49, SMM52, SMM53, SMM54, SMM59, SMM60, SMM63, SMM65, SMM66, SMM68, SMM69, SMM72, SMM78, SMM81, SMM84.
  - iii. Those connected to the council's interim mitigation strategy – The Inspectors have suggested a number of SMM following on from the hearing session held in July 2022. The council's interim mitigation strategy, and the alternatives, were thoroughly appraised through an earlier SA (FMMCD2) and in the course of the hearing session (SMM76, SMM77). The scope of the further changes presented in SMM is limited. These changes have not had any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole.
127. The individual screening of SMM found a limited number of SMM which go beyond simple updates, clarifications or errors which clearly don't have a material impact on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole, or have been appraised earlier, which may have significant effects arising from some of the



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proposed revisions. These have been extracted and summarised in the table below. Collectively the council is satisfied that these effects will not have any material impacts on the substantive application of individual policies, strategies, or the local plan as a whole.

Summary of screening for significant effects from SMM

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Sustainability objective	SMM						
	SMM16	SMM86	SMM21	SMM26	SMM87	SMM78	SMM82
Meet as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	+		n	+	+	n
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	+	+		n			n
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	+		n	+	+	n

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Reduce vulnerability to flooding and costal change and adapt to climatic changes		n		n			n
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	n			+
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				-			n
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	-	-	-	-

## Synergistic and cumulative effects

128. Existing mitigation methods already take synergistic and cumulative effects into consideration and as identified in the HRA these can be overcome in full. The approach to assessing the recreational impacts on Dorset heaths and Poole Harbour habitat sites indirectly takes account of the cumulative effects of planned development in the local plan over the plan period. Similarly, the approaches to assessing and mitigating environmental effects on habitat sites also take account of synergistic environmental effects.
129. The package of mitigation measures identified in the approach to nutrient neutrality provide a sound framework for delivery of necessary mitigation, and draws upon existing approaches to synergistic and cumulative effects.

## Considering appropriate assessment

130. As per planning practice guidance<sup>7</sup> the SA takes account of the appropriate assessment in the HRA.

Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
Recreation and urban effects on the Dorset Heaths	Mitigation approach	<p>Mitigation approach for impact on Dorset heathlands is well established and has been a blueprint for other development around the country.</p> <p>Compliance with the interim mitigation strategy ensures a conclusion of no adverse effect on integrity for the Dorset Heaths SACs/SPA/Ramsar from urban effects and recreation, alone or in combination.</p> <p>Monitoring of housing delivery within the 5km area around heaths will be required to ensure that sufficient mitigation measures are delivered.</p>	None as interim mitigation strategy is being proposed for inclusion in the proposed main modifications, alongside a commitment to monitor delivery of new homes and a possible strategic SANG at Morden.
Recreation and urban effects on the Dorset Heaths	Heathland SPD	The SPD was updated after the local plan was submitted for examination. It is due to be updated again in 2025. This regular review period allows for strategies to be monitored and where needed, refined.	None as SPD is already noted in the Plan text.

<sup>7</sup> In response to the question 'How does the sustainability appraisal relate to other forms of Impact Assessment?' planning practice guidance advises that 'The sustainability appraisal should take account of the findings of a Habitats Regulations Assessment, if one is undertaken.' (Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 11-011-20140306).

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Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
Fragmentation and mobile species	Mitigation approach	Project level HRA's should secure detailed mitigation measures at Dorset Innovation Park and Holton Heath.	None as recommended in the HRA.
Recreation at non-heathland sites	Mitigation approach	<p>Dorset Council will keep a 'watching brief' around the recreational effects of further development on non-heathland sites. Any small sites that come forward close to the coast will need to be screened and address recreation issues where necessary as part of the project level HRA (mitigation may include provision of dog bins, contribution to wardening or path infrastructure).</p> <p>HRA deems mitigation is satisfactory and covered by the Poole Harbour Recreation 2019-2024 SPD. It ensures no adverse effects occur either alone or in combination. Updates to the SPD will be required. Regular review allows for strategies to be monitored and where needed, refined.</p>	None as SPD is already noted in the Plan text and 'watching brief' resulted in actions in the monitoring framework for the plan.
Water Quality	Mitigation approaches	<p>Announcements in March 2022 signalled changes to in the approach to the assessment of development proposals in catchments where water bodies that are protected through the Habitats Regulations are in unfavourable condition due to nutrient pollution.</p> <p>As part of this the council was informed that phosphorus needed to be addressed as well as nitrogen in the Poole Harbour catchment. Also a new methodology was introduced for calculation of quantity of nutrients and acceptable/effective methods of mitigation, as well as widen the requirement of new development to improve the condition of</p>	<p>SMM 86 and 21 ensure that where a development would increase the nutrient loading within the catchment the onus will be on the applicant to demonstrate nutrient neutrality.</p> <p>The HRA states that with this new wording in place the council can be confident that adverse effects on integrity from development within the catchment will not have an adverse effect on the integrity of Poole Harbour SPA/Ramsar, alone or in-combination.</p>

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Appropriate assessment topic	Appropriate assessment consideration	Points of interest	Implications for SA and Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034
		<p>affected sites, and not just avoid making it worse.</p> <p>The government has made announcements about how this may change in the future but in the meantime the council continues to implement the current regulations and guidance.</p>	
Air quality	Mitigation approaches	<p>Interim strategy to address air quality impacts to the Dorset Heathlands means effects both in-combination and alone can be eliminated for the short-term.</p> <p>This strategy could be expanded as necessary to address the cumulative impacts of development on air quality as part of the new Dorset Council Local Plan supported by additional evidence such as traffic modelling and air quality monitoring.</p>	<p>Over the course of the examination work has continued to progress on funding and delivery necessary mitigation measures.</p> <p>An amendment to policy E8 Dorset Heaths (SMM20) to include air quality as part of the policy to ensure air quality is considered during planning application process.</p>

### Identification of difficulties

131. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 requires difficulties met whilst carrying out the SA to be identified. The following limitations in knowledge have been identified:

- Assessing long-term climate change is difficult and therefore its potential effects on Purbeck are uncertain. In particular, the European protected sites can be susceptible to climate change, with adverse impact upon habitats.
- The lack of detail around the delivery of development specific mitigation measures in the approach to nutrient neutrality. Recent announcements about changes to the approach to nutrient calculations and mitigation requirements, and potential changes to legislation and regulations makes it difficult to place timescales on delivering the necessary mitigation.

### Recommendations

132. Development should not be restricted (alternative c)) unless necessary for compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations, as this could lead to significant negative impacts on several sustainability objectives as summarised in the assessment tables. The safeguarding approach (alternative b)) could lead to the development of effective mitigation, but there is uncertainty around outcomes from this

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approach and the local plan policies do not provide a framework for supporting this outcome.

133. The nutrient neutrality approach (alternative a)) has been assessed as the most effective strategy for supporting delivery of appropriate nutrient mitigation measures alongside development to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
134. The SA outlines several potential options for delivering nutrient mitigation measures as part of alternative a), but there remains some uncertainty around the detail of these specific measures. The approach to nutrient neutrality outlined in SMM86 will provide applicants with flexibility to develop and deliver mitigation measures by themselves or working with others. The SMM states that applicants should use a robust methodology to calculate nutrient loads. The objective of the approach is to support applicants in achieving nutrient neutrality for their proposals. Flexibility in approach will enable housing delivery where suitable mitigation is identified and delivered. Alongside this positive approach Policy E9 provide a strong policy framework for assessing the impacts of proposed development in Poole Harbour catchment and guarding against adverse effects on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site insofar as required to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
135. Work on the Dorset Council Local Plan and updates to the 'Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document' will enable the review of the approach outlined in the local plan.

Recommendations resulting from the SA

### Recommendation

Support delivery of appropriate mitigation through the nutrient neutrality (alternative a)) and provide a strong policy framework to guard against adverse impacts from development in within Poole Harbour catchment insofar as required to ensure compliance with Policy E9 and The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.

Review the mitigation delivered through the nutrient neutrality approach as part of the preparation of the Dorset Council Local Plan.

### Monitoring required

136. Monitor the progression through the planning process of allocated 'qualifying' development in the local plan and other unplanned 'qualifying' development in Poole Harbour catchment.
137. Monitor delivery of all forms of nutrient mitigation measures to ensure benefits are realised as soon as possible, where necessary to ensure compliance with The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 , or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
138. Monitor the nutrient mitigation measures delivered in combination to ensure it is sufficient.

### Mitigation required

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139. Ensure drafting of environmental local plan policies reflect the requirements in the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and that the policy provides a flexible framework that supports delivery of mitigation measures where required.

### **How has the SA been considered in the formation of the modifications?**

140. The alternatives, and assessments of alternatives, presented in this SA have informed and guided the process of drafting SMM including the monitoring requirements.



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141. Mitigation for windfall development is required, as demonstrated in the Interim Mitigation Strategy document. There are options for delivering this but what must be noted is that, without any mitigation, development that impacts upon the Dorset heaths habitat sites cannot take place.

142. The methodology for undertaking the SA involved the assessment of reasonable alternatives where the policy or allocation is “pitched” against the eight SA Objectives and the outcome noted using the colours and symbols shown in Table 10.

Table 10: Shows colour representing different effects.

Symbol	Definition
++	Significant positive effect
+	Positive effect
n	Neutral effect
-	Minor negative effect
--	Significant negative effect
u	Unknown at this stage

143. Each alternative has been screened to ascertain whether it is likely to cause significant environmental, economic and/or social effects. Where the screening suggests there may be significant effects, the proposed strategy has been fully assessed for short, medium and long term effects against the SA objectives. Where necessary, recommendations, mitigation and/or monitoring indicators are suggested to obviate any negative impacts.

### Screening of reasonable alternatives

144. The following alternatives were screened in this process:

- Approach to nutrient neutrality;
- Safeguarding approach;
- Restricting development.

145. All are considered to have potentially significant effects and have continued onto the full assessment below.

### Full assessment of reasonable alternatives

#### Alternative a) - Approach to nutrient neutrality

146. One alternative is to support nutrient neutrality through delivery of appropriate mitigation measures, alongside a policy framework which guards against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site (as presented in SMM86 and SMM21).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible	u	+	+	There is some uncertainty in the short term around whether appropriate mitigation can be delivered. The anticipated changes to regulation in legislation will provide clarity and reduce the mitigation burden on applicant through the nutrient pollution standard in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. In the medium and long-term it is anticipated that the approach to nutrient neutrality will support delivery of appropriate mitigation measures, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations) or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	u	+	+	The approach will support the strategy in the emerging local plan which in turn will indirectly support services and facilities in sustainable locations where new homes/policy allocations are proposed. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	u	+	+	The approach will support delivery of qualifying development (including types of tourism development) in the Poole Harbour catchment. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term, if necessary to ensure compliance with the

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				Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	u	+	+	The approach will support delivery of services/facilities connected with the policy allocations, whilst also encouraging sustainable patterns of growth in accordance with the development strategy. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term, if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and costal change and adapt to climatic changes	u	n	n	There is some uncertainty around the delivery of nutrient mitigation measures in the short-term if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. In the medium and longer term these measures may assist in controlling and managing flood risks through flows of water along watercourse and over land. Some mitigation measures may also mitigate the effects of climate change through carbon sequestration.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The approach provides a positive framework for delivery suitable mitigation and guarding against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The alternative explored is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	The approach provides a positive framework for avoiding nutrient pollution arising from new qualifying development on Poole Harbour catchment where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. Some of the nutrient mitigation measures may indirectly confer wider improvements to water quality.

**Mitigation and monitoring requirements**  
**Monitor delivery of nutrient mitigation measures alongside qualifying development in Poole Harbour catchment.**

**Alternative b) - Safeguarding approach**

147. Another alternative is to safeguard against the implementation of development (through a restrictive condition applied to planning permission) pending appropriate mitigation measures being delivered (the council anticipates that nutrient pollution standards could reduce phosphorus pollution sufficiently to avoid the need for development specific mitigation measures for this nutrient. There is an existing approach to delivery of nitrogen mitigation measures).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	u	u	+	The safeguarding approach does not outline any potential means of achieving nutrient neutrality if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. It has been prepared in the context of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, and the nutrient pollution standards. The progression of the Bill is unclear, as is the scope of the nutrient pollution standards which it indicates that the standards should be applied selectively according to the size (quantified in population equivalent) of wastewater treatment plant. This creates uncertainty in the short and medium-term.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	u	u	+	As above there is uncertainty around the delivery of qualifying development in short and medium-terms, which in turn may affect housing delivery and indirectly the support that development provides to maintaining services and facilities.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	u	u	+	As above there is uncertainty around the delivery of qualifying development in the Poole Harbour catchment in short and medium-term, which in turn may affect delivery of tourism development which is also defined as qualifying development within the Poole Harbour catchment. There may also be indirect effects connected with reduction in demand and accommodating employees if housing delivery is slowed.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	u	u	+	As above there is uncertainty around the delivery of qualifying development in the Poole Harbour catchment in short and medium-term, this could affect the distribution of development across the local plan area. Potentially skewing development outside the catchment into unsustainable locations or limiting delivery where there are no other suitable options outside the harbour's catchment.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The option explored has no impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The approach provides an effective safeguard against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The option explored has no impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	The approach provides an effective framework for avoiding nutrient pollution from new qualifying development on Poole Harbour, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
<b>Mitigation and monitoring requirements</b>				
<b>Monitor and enforce the requirements of restrictive conditions. Monitor delivery of nutrient mitigation measures.</b>				

### Alternative c) - Restricting development

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	-	-	u	Restricting development is likely to negative effects on the supply of land for new homes and the delivery of homes within the Poole Harbour catchment. The catchment covers a larger proportion of the council area and includes a number of its largest towns and villages where new growth is planned. In the longer term it is anticipated that applicants may develop and deliver mitigation measures that would avoid adverse impacts, if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	-	-	u	Restricting qualifying development (in particular homes) is likely to have negative effects on services and facilities that indirectly rely on residents for their trade or to house their employees. In the longer term it is anticipated that applicants may develop and deliver mitigation measures that would avoid adverse impacts if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	-	-	u	Restricting qualifying development (in particular certain types of tourist development) is likely to have negative effects on tourism and employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly for those employers that rely on residents for their trade or to house their employees. In the longer term it is anticipated that applicants may develop and deliver mitigation measures that would avoid adverse impacts if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	-	-	u	Restricting qualifying development could affect the provision of services and facilities by reducing demand and may lead to unsustainable travel if patterns of growth are skewed to unsustainable locations. In the longer term, restrictions may result in unsustainable residential development being focussed away from centres providing services and increasing the need for motorised access to services.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	n	n	The option explored has no impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The approach provides an effective measure against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site where necessary to ensure compliance the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	n	n	n	The option explored has no impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	The approach provides an effective framework for avoiding nutrient pollution from new qualifying development on Poole Harbour where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations)the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
<b>Mitigation and monitoring requirements</b>				
<b>Monitor and enforce against breaches of planning control involving qualifying development in Poole Harbour catchment.</b>				

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### Appendix 2: Screening and assessment of the SMM to the Purbeck Local Plan

148. Following on from the assessments done in Appendix 1, SMM have been suggested to ensure the soundness and legal compliance of the Purbeck Local Plan. All reasonable alternatives for policy modifications are assessed below.

149. The methodology for undertaking the SA involved the assessment of reasonable alternatives where the policy or allocation is “pitched” against the eight SA Objectives and the outcome noted using the colours and symbols shown in the key to the assessment tables below.

Symbol	Definition
++	Significant positive effect
+	Positive effect
n	Neutral effect
-	Minor negative effect
--	Significant negative effect
u	Unknown at this stage

150. Each alternative has been screened to ascertain whether it is likely to cause significant environmental, economic and/or social effects. Where the screening suggests there may be significant effects, the proposed strategy has been fully assessed for short, medium and long term effects against the SA objectives. Where necessary, recommendations, mitigation and/or monitoring indicators are suggested to obviate any negative impacts.

#### No further modifications to the plan

151. One alternative could be that the council proposes no further changes to the plan. In this scenario the plan would not be compliant with the habitats regulations, and the council would be unable to adopt it (on the assumption that it was unable to demonstrate that there was an overriding public interest in adopting the local plan: Regulation 64, the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations) the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)

Screening				
Is the alternative likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck’s housing need as possible	--	u	u	This option would have significant negative effects on the delivery of homes in Purbeck in short term (both through the allocations in the emerging local plan, but also unplanned development). Medium and long-term effects are unknown as approaches to mitigating the effects of nutrient pollution could be developed independently of the plan making process, alongside alternative sources of housing land supply.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified	-	u	u	Limiting the supply and delivery of new homes is likely to have a 'minor negative effect' on services and facilities, by constraining new investment and demand. Medium and long-term effects are unknown as alternative sources of housing supply could lead to delivery of homes and investment in new/existing services and facilities.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	-	u	u	Limiting the supply and delivery of new homes and employment land is likely to constrain the economic potential of tourism and the economy in the short term by constraining the pool of resident employees and creating uncertainty around the supply of employment land. Medium and long-term effects are unknown as alternative sources of housing supply could lead to delivery of homes and/or employment uses.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	n	u	-	Limiting the supply and delivery of new homes in sustainable locations could lead to unsustainable patterns of growth (through development in unsuitable locations) as alternative sources of housing supply are developed and delivered in the long term. Short-term impacts are likely to be neutral as the status quo is maintained, and there is uncertainty in the medium-term as it is unclear how long it would take for alternative sources of housing supply to be developed and delivered.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	n	n	The option explored has no impact on this objective as new homes delivered through alternative sources of housing supply would be subject to national planning policies relating to flood risk and coastal change.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	n	n	n	The plan making process would not have any effect on the legislative requirements in the habitats regulations or the requirements in national planning policy in respect to protected habitats/species, biodiversity and irreplaceable habitats.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	n	n	n	The plan making process would not have any effect on the requirements in national planning policy in respect to landscape and the historic environment.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	u	u	Limiting the supply and delivery of new homes is likely to reduce consumption of resources, and any associated pollution, in the short term. There is not certainty around the medium and long term impacts of this alternative, as it is not clear how long it would take for alternative sources of housing supply to be developed and delivered.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

Provide mitigation for nutrient pollution in Poole Harbour, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (Habitats Regulations), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.

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Monitor delivery of mitigation and new homes (other qualifying development) in Poole Harbour's catchment.

### Appraisals of SMM

#### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 88: Foreword

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Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the SMM provide factual updates on the reference to the local plan area following local government re-organisation in Dorset in April 2019 and an update to the assessment of local housing need. The updated assessment of local housing need has been undertaken on the basis of government's standard methodology. This is consistent with the approach taken at earlier stages in the plans examination, where the council did not find any exceptional circumstances for a different approach. There are no substantive consequences to the overall strategy in the local plan, including the strategy for meeting housing needs, following the updates. The local plan foreword does not include any substantive planning policies).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 1: Chapter 1, Introduction, Paragraph 3

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the SMM provide an update to the assessment of local housing need. The updated assessment of local housing need has been undertaken on the basis of government's standard methodology. This is consistent with the approach taken at earlier stages in the plans examination, where the council did not find any exceptional circumstances for a different approach. There are no substantive consequences to the overall strategy in the local plan, including the strategy for meeting housing needs, following the updates).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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widen employment opportunities				
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 3: Chapter 2, Vision and Objectives, paragraphs 43 and 44

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the SMM relates to an updated reference to the local plan area following local government re-organisation in Dorset in April 2019. There are no substantive effects arising from this factual update following re-organisation).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>

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Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 4: Chapter 2, Vision and Objectives, insert text after paragraph 44

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the SMM relates to an updated reference to the local plan area following local government re-organisation in Dorset in April 2019. There are no substantive effects arising from this factual update following re-organisation).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 5: Chapter 2, Vision and Objectives, Policy V1: Spatial strategy for sustainable communities

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the SMM provide an update on the anticipated yields of homes from different sources of housing land supply. The updates reflect the latest monitoring evidence gathered by the council. No substantive changes flow from these updates as the council's development strategy for supporting delivery of homes remains unchanged. Earlier MM have been subject to SA through MMCD4).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 6: Chapter 2, Vision and Objectives, paragraphs 45 to 48

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the SMM relates to an updated reference to the local plan area following local government re-organisation in Dorset in April 2019. There are no substantive effects arising from this factual update following re-organisation).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 8: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 52, 53 and 54

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the SMM relates to an updated reference to the local plan area following local government re-organisation in Dorset in April 2019. There are no substantive effects arising from this factual update following re-organisation).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM)14: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 81

#### Screening

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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modifications include updated references to the legislative framework relating to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects on the sustainability objectives arising from the proposed modification. The earlier modification (MM14) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM)15: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 83 (insertions and deletions)

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification relates to a typographical change. The earlier modification (MM15) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM)16: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 85 (insertions)

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the modification inserts further details of the council's approach to mitigating the impacts of development on Dorset heaths habitat sites, as outlined in its interim mitigation strategy).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	+	+	Delivering suitable heathland infrastructure projects (HIPs) as outlined in the SMM will help to bring forward unplanned housing in the local plan area. The HIPs need to provide sufficient mitigation for the levels of growth up to the Dorset Council Local Plan. The council has confidence that the priority mitigation projects from the interim mitigation strategy that are presented in the SMM will be delivered (planning permission has recently been given for the largest mitigation project, a SANG known as Wild Woodbury and Court Farm P/FUL/2023/011442), and that its approach will support delivery of new homes in the short, medium and long-term.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	+	+	Delivering suitable HIP will indirectly help to support services and facilities through the delivery of new homes. The residents of these unplanned new homes will sustain existing services and facilities in sustainable locations in accordance with the local plan's settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	+	+	+	Delivering suitable HIP will indirectly help to support tourism and widen employment opportunities through the delivery of new homes. The residents of these unplanned new homes will sustain existing tourist facilities and provide opportunities to house employees in accordance with the local plan's settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to	+	+	+	Delivering suitable HIP will indirectly help to provide access to services and encourage sustainable/active travel through the delivery of new homes. The residents of these unplanned

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travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				new homes will have access to services through sustainable/active means of travel where located in sustainable locations in accordance with the local plan's settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	Delivering of suitable HIP will mitigate recreational impacts from new homes and avoid adverse impacts on the integrity of heathland habitat sites.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	Delivering suitable HIP in appropriate locations could reduce unsustainable travel, and related air pollution connected with this travel.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 18: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraph 95

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modifications include updated references to the legislative framework relating to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects on the sustainability objectives arising from the proposed modification. The earlier modification (MM20) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 19: Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E7: Conservation of protected sites

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modifications include updated references to the legislative framework relating to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects on the

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sustainability objectives arising from the proposed modification. The earlier modification (MM20) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 20: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 83, Policy E8: Dorset heathlands

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modifications include updated references to the legislative framework relating to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects on the sustainability objectives arising from the proposed modification. The earlier modification (MM20) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 86: Chapter 3, Environment, paragraphs 83 to 91

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the modification outlines the council's approach to nutrient neutrality).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	u	+	+	There is some uncertainty in the short term around whether appropriate mitigation can be delivered. The anticipated changes to regulation in legislation will provide clarity and reduce the mitigation burden on applicant through the nutrient pollution standard in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. In the medium and long-term it is anticipated that the approach to nutrient neutrality will support delivery of appropriate mitigation measures where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	u	+	+	The approach will support the strategy in the emerging local plan which in turn will indirectly support services and facilities in sustainable locations where new homes/policy allocations are proposed. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	u	+	+	The approach will support delivery of qualifying development (including types of tourism development) in the Poole Harbour catchment. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term where necessary to ensure compliance the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	u	+	+	The approach will support delivery of services/facilities connected with the policy allocations, whilst also encouraging sustainable patterns of growth in accordance with the development strategy. There is some uncertainty around whether the approach will support delivery of appropriate mitigation in the short-term where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	u	n	n	There is some uncertainty around the delivery of nutrient mitigation measures in the short-term where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. In the medium and longer term these measures may assist in controlling and managing flood risks through flows of water along watercourse and over land. Some mitigation measures may also mitigate the effects of climate change through carbon sequestration.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The approach provides a positive framework for delivery suitable mitigation and guarding against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	The approach provides a positive framework for avoiding nutrient pollution arising from new qualifying development on Poole Harbour where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations. Some of the nutrient mitigation measures may indirectly confer wider improvements to water quality.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

**Monitor delivery of nutrient mitigation measures alongside qualifying development in Poole Harbour catchment.**

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 21: Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E9: Poole Harbour

#### Screening

**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the modifications are linked to the council's approach to nutrient neutrality).**



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SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	u	+	+	There is some uncertainty in the short term around whether appropriate mitigation can be delivered if necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations). The anticipated changes to regulation in legislation will provide clarity and reduce the mitigation burden on applicant through the nutrient pollution standard in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. In the medium and long-term it is anticipated that the approach to nutrient neutrality will support delivery of appropriate mitigation measures, and that Policy E9 will provide effective control of development to ensure development in the Poole Harbour habitat site catchment is in compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The approach provides a positive framework for controlling development and guarding against adverse impacts on the integrity of Poole Harbour habitat site where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	+	+	+	The SMM provides an effective means of avoiding nutrient pollution arising from new qualifying development on Poole Harbour catchment, where necessary to ensure compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, or any equivalent relevant legislation or regulations.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 24: Chapter 3, Environment, Policy E12: Design

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes an updated reference to the local plan area. The earlier modification (MM24) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 25: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 110 and 111

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to assessments of local housing need, anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply and to the local plan area. The earlier modification (MM25) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 26: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H1: Local housing requirement

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the latest modification includes updated references to a small increase in housing numbers since the main modifications consultation, assessments of local housing need and anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply. The earlier modification (MM25) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4.				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	+	+	The SMM identifies the delivery of limited additional housing.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified	n	n	n	The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	n	n	n	The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	n	n	n	The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	n	n	The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	-	-	-	The SMM could impact on the integrity of protected sites and species.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	n	n	n	The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	-	-	-	The SMM may result in limited pollution and carbon emissions as part of the building process.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

**Impact on habitats and species can be mitigated through the application of policies E7 to E9.**

**Some of the pollution associated with the development could be mitigated through applying sustainable methods of construction and design (taking account of embodied carbon arising from the extraction, manufacture, transportation and construction of the development).**

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 27: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 114

#### Screening

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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to assessments of local housing need and anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply. The earlier modification (MM27) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

**Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring**

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n/a

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 28: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 116 and 117

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply. The earlier modification (MM28) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 29: Chapter 4, Housing, Trajectory

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply and their forecast rates of delivery over the local plan period. The earlier modification (MM29) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 30: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H2: The housing land supply

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply. The earlier modification (MM30) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 31: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 118

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes an updated reference to the local plan area. The earlier modification (MM24) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 32: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H3: New housing development requirements

#### Screening

**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification cross references other modifications to Policy E9 and the council's approach to supporting delivery of nutrient neutral development within Poole Harbour catchment. The council's approach to nutrient neutrality and reasonable alternatives have been appraised**

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separately through this SA. The earlier modification (MM32) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 33: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 122

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the council area following local government re-organisation in Dorset. The earlier modification (MM33) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 35: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H4: Moreton Station / Redbridge Pit

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes clarification around requirements for delivery of different types of new homes (supported housing for the elderly) and revisions to ensure compliance with the requirements of the habitats regulations. The earlier modification (MM35) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and costal change				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 38: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H5: Wool

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification includes clarification on the local plan area following local government re-organisation and some minor revisions to drafting to ensure the effectiveness of the policy. The earlier modification (MM38) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 40: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H6: Lytchett Matravers

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes revisions to references to the local plan area following local government re-organisation. The earlier modification (MM40) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 41: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H7: Upton

#### Screening

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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification includes an updated reference to the local plan area following local government reorganisation in Dorset. The earlier modification (MM41) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

**Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring**

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n/a

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 42: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 148 and 149 (insertions and deletions)

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats and to the local plan area following local government reorganisation in Dorset. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM42) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 43: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H8: Small sites next to existing settlement

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM43) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 45: Chapter 4, Housing

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the proposed SMM do not materially alter the operation of the policy, they have been inserted to provide clarification and to ensure effectiveness. Earlier MM (MM45) was subject to SA screening and appraisal as part of MMCD4).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

Recommendations for mitigation through revision to policy wording that were suggested in an earlier SA (MMCD4) in respect to MM45 have been carried forward into the policy drafting of the SMM.

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 46: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H10: Accessible and adaptable homes

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Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the policy title to ensure consistency with building regulations. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM46) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 47: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H11: Affordable Housing

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation in Dorset. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM47) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 48: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraph 170 (deletion)

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation in Dorset. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM48) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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cycling, walking and use of public transport				
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 49: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 171 and 172 (alterations insertions and deletions)

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM49) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 52: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H12: Rural exceptions sites

#### Screening

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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM52) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 53: Chapter 4, Housing, insert new paragraph after paragraph 181

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM53) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 54: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H13: Rural workers homes in the countryside

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM54) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 59: Chapter 4, Housing, paragraphs 191 and 192

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM599) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 60: Chapter 4, Housing, Policy H15: Meeting the needs of gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople

#### Screening



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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM60) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 61: Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE1: Employment land supply

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM61) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 63: Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE2: Planning for employment

<b>Screening</b>				
<b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification includes updated references to the adoption of the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan and the town centre area that it defines. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM64) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).</b>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 64: Chapter 5, Economy, paragraph 215

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification includes updated references to the Wareham Town Centre as defined through the neighbourhood plan and adoption of the neighbourhood plan. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM64) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 65: Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE3: Vibrant town and local centres

#### Screening

**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats and the local plan area following local government re-organisation. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the**

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content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM65) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 66: Chapter 5, Economy, Policy EE4: Supporting vibrant and attractive tourism

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM66) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 68: Chapter 6, paragraph 230

<p><b>Screening</b>  <b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): No (the latest modification includes updated references to the pollutants affecting the condition of Poole Harbour habitat site. The policy responses to this change in position as presented in SMM21 and SMM86 have been screened as likely to have significant effects, and reasonable alternatives to the approach have also been appraised. This SMM is consequential factual update without any wider material implications.</b></p>				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.



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Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 69: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I1: Developer contributions to deliver Purbeck's infrastructure

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated cross references to other SMM (87 and 21) relating to Poole Harbour and the council's approach to nutrient neutrality. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM69) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 71: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I2: Improving accessibility and transport

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation. There are no likely significant effects)

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arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM71) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 72: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraph 249

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM72) was screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 76: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraphs 256 and 257

<b>Screening</b>				
<p><b>Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated further references to the delivery of a strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace alone or alongside a holiday park. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modifications (MM76 and FMM76) have both been screened as part of an SA MMCD4 and SA FMMCD2. Reasonable alternatives to the council's Interim Mitigation Strategy were appraised through FMMCD2. There have not been any material or substantive changes in circumstances following this appraisal. No further substantive changes are proposed).</b></p>				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and costal change				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 77: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraphs 256 and 257

<b>Screening</b>				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes updated further references to the delivery of a strategic Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace alone or alongside a holiday park. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM77) and subsequent revision (FMM77) have both been screened as part of an SA MMCD4 and SA FMMCD2. Reasonable alternatives to the council's Interim Mitigation Strategy were appraised through FMMCD2. There have not been any material or substantive changes in circumstances following this appraisal. No further substantive changes are proposed).				
<b>SA objective</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>MT</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 87: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, paragraphs 263 to 265

#### Screening

Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the latest modification includes updated references to the local plan area following local government reorganisation and revisions to reflect the latest position around delivery of homes, and a health and social care hub. Whilst one site is no longer available local and neighbourhood plan policies will continue to support delivery of homes and a health and social care hub on council owned land. There are unlikely to

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be any significant effects arising from the modification, or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan, but an assessment has been undertaken as a precaution to allow consideration of the novel elements in the modifications (which have not been subject to appraisal in earlier iterations of the SA).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	+	u	An effective policy that supports delivery of new homes on the former Wareham Middle School site is likely to make a positive contribution to meeting Purbeck's housing needs (in particular the need for homes for people requiring support or care, as well as other types of accommodation).
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	+	u	Delivery of both new homes and health and social care facilities, in a sustainable location, are likely to have both direct and indirect benefits in providing local services and facilities.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	+	u	Delivery of both new homes and health and social care facilities, in a sustainable location (that is readily accessible through active means of travel to the existing community), are likely to have both direct and indirect benefits in providing local services and facilities.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective as the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan sets out an approach to mitigate the impacts of new development on Dorset heaths. Appropriate mitigation measures for nutrient neutrality would need to be delivered in accordance with the approach outlined in SMM.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				Having regard to the context for the site, including the historic environment, and the nature of the SMM, there are unlikely to be any significant effects on this objective.



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Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	-	-	n	Redevelopment of the former Middle School site has the potential to generate pollution (associated with the demolition of existing buildings and erection of new buildings) and the consumption of resources.
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### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

Some of the pollution associated with the sites re-development could be mitigated through applying sustainable methods of construction and design (taking account of embodied carbon arising from the extraction, manufacture, transportation and assembly of the development).

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 78: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I6: Wareham integrated, health, social care and housing

#### Screening

**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?): Yes (the latest modification includes revisions to reflect the latest position around delivery of homes, and a health and social care hub at Wareham Middle School and updated references to the legislative framework connected to protected habitats. The updated references to legislation are unlikely to have any significant effects (earlier modifications, MM78, were also subject to SA MMCD4 through a prior assessment). Whilst one site is no longer available, local and neighbourhood plan policies will continue to support delivery of homes and a health and social care hub on council owned land. There are unlikely to be any significant effects arising from the modification, or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan, but an assessment has been undertaken as a precaution to allow consideration of the novel elements in the modifications.**

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	+	u	An effective policy that supports delivery of new homes on the former Wareham Middle School site is likely to make a positive contribution to meeting Purbeck's housing needs (in particular the need for homes for people requiring support or care, as well as other types of accommodation).
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	+	+	u	Delivery of both new homes and health and social care facilities, in a sustainable location, are likely to have both direct and indirect benefits in providing local services and facilities.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.

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Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	+	+	u	Delivery of both new homes and health and social care facilities, in a sustainable location (that is readily accessible through active means of travel to the existing community), are likely to have both direct and indirect benefits in providing local services and facilities.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective as the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan sets out an approach to mitigate the impacts of new development on Dorset heaths. Appropriate mitigation measures for nutrient neutrality would need to be delivered in accordance with the approach outlined in SMM.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				Having regard to the context for the site, including the historic environment, the SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	-	-		Redevelopment of the former Middle School site has the potential to generate pollution (associated with the demolition of existing buildings and erection of new buildings) and the consumption of resources.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

Some of the pollution associated with the sites re-development could be mitigated through applying sustainable methods of construction and design (taking account of embodied carbon arising from the extraction, manufacture, transportation and construction of the development).

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 81: Chapter 6, Infrastructure, Policy I7: Community facilities and services

#### Screening

**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the latest modification includes clarifications to ensure the effectiveness of the policy. There are no likely significant effects arising from the modification or any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. The earlier modification (MM81) and subsequent revision have been screened as part of an SA MMCD4. No further substantive changes are proposed).**

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SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM is unlikely to have any impact on this objective.
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

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### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 82: Chapter 7, Implementation delivery and monitoring, monitoring framework

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: Yes (the revisions in SMM to the monitoring framework reflect changes elsewhere in the local plan, including updates on anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply, assessment of local housing need, revisions to ensure consistency between local plan policies and the council's new approach to nutrient neutrality. There will be a small beneficial effect arising from the modification, through a revised housing number. The assessment also allows consideration of the novel elements in the modifications. Earlier Main Modifications to Chapter 7 have been subject to appraisal through SA MMCD4 (MM82).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	+	+	+	The SMM will have a small beneficial effect on this objective as the revisions to LHN are modest when compared to prior assessments (180 dwellings per annum in November 2020 and 178 dwellings per annum in April 2021), and the anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply over the plan period (the different sources of housing land supply are forecast to deliver sufficient homes over the local plan period) indicate that Purbeck's housing need can be addressed.
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).

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and adapt to climatic changes				
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	+	+	+	The impact of limited additional housing will be mitigated through policies E7-E9. SMM is likely to have a positive effect on this objective as it provides an updated approach to monitoring the effectiveness of nutrient mitigation measures for Poole Harbour taking account of new evidence on this issue, and specific measures for strategic heathland infrastructure projects have been presented alongside local plan policy in the council's interim mitigation strategy.
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	-	-	-	Development over the plan period has the potential to generate pollution (associated with the demolition of existing buildings and erection of new buildings) and lead to the consumption of resources.

### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

The impact of limited additional housing will be mitigated by the mitigation set out in policies E7-E9. Some of the pollution associated with the development could be mitigated through applying sustainable methods of construction and design (taking account of embodied carbon arising from the extraction, manufacture, transportation and construction of the development).

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 84: Insert Appendix 1

Screening				
Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the revision to MM84 are unlikely to have any significant effects arising on the SA objectives, or give rise to any substantial alterations to the content or operation of the plan. Earlier Main Modifications to have been subject to appraisal through SA MMCD4 (MM84).				
SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Promote services and facilities where need is identified				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).

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Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources				The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
<b>Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring</b>				
n/a				

### Proposed supplementary Main Modification (SMM) 85: Insert Appendix 2

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**Is the modification likely to have a significant impact on social, economic, or environmental issues?: No (the revision to MM84 are unlikely to have any significant effects arising on the SA objectives (the latest revisions reflect updated housing land supply but evidence indicates that the proportion of homes delivered on small sites will not be materially altered) or give rise to any substantial**

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alterations to the content or operation of the plan. Earlier Main Modifications to have been subject to appraisal through SA MMCD4 (MM85).

SA objective	ST	MT	LT	Commentary
Meet as much of Purbeck's housing need as possible	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Promote services and facilities where need is identified	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Harness the economic potential of tourism and widen employment opportunities	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Help everyone access basic services, reduce the need to travel by car and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Reduce vulnerability to flooding and coastal change and adapt to climatic changes	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Protect and enhance habitats and species and local geodiversity	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Protect and enhance Purbeck's unique landscape and townscape, and cultural and historical assets	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).
Minimise all forms of pollution and consumption of natural resources	n	n	n	The SMM are unlikely to have any impact on this objective (SMM do not substantively alter local plan monitoring relating to this objective).

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### Recommendations/mitigation/monitoring

n/a

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The table below summarises the consideration of reasonable alternatives for those SMM which the council has prepared.

SMM	Primary reason for changes	Reasonable alternatives?
<b>SMM88</b>	a. Updated assessment of LHN; b. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No exceptional circumstances to justify alternative assessment of LHN; b. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM1</b>	a. Updates to local development scheme (LDS); b. Minor changes to drafting of text.	a. No alternatives to new LDS; b. No alternatives to minor changes in drafting.
<b>SMM3</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM4</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM5</b>	a. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.	a. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.
<b>SMM6</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM8</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM14</b>	a. Updated references to English legislation.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM15</b>	a. Updated reference to the term 'appropriate assessment'.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM16</b>	a. References to the council's interim mitigation strategy (IMS) to deliver heathland infrastructure projects.	a. There are potential alternatives to the IMS, but these were considered and evaluated as part of SA <a href="#">[FMMCD2]</a> conducted on FMM. These alternatives included: Morden Strategic Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), strategic assessment management and monitoring (SAMB), heathland infrastructure projects (HIP), enhancing 'capacity' of existing/proposed SANG to mitigate impacts of residential development and restricting development. There have been no changes in circumstances since the evaluation of alternatives in FMMCD2 was undertaken.
<b>SMM18</b>	a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.
<b>SMM19</b>	a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.
<b>SMM20</b>	a. Updated references to English legislation.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM86</b>	a. Insertion of supporting text to explain the council's approach to supporting nutrient neutrality.	a. <b>Potential alternatives.</b> (See chapter on 'Reasonable alternatives' which outlines three different potential approaches, and assesses and evaluates the significance of effects arising from each alternative).
<b>SMM21</b>	a. Revisions to Policy E9: Poole Harbour.	a. <b>Potential alternatives.</b> (See chapter on 'Reasonable alternatives' which outlines three different potential approaches, and assesses and evaluates the significance of effects arising from each alternative).
<b>SMM24</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
<b>SMM25</b>	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset. b. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.	a. No alternative terms of reference. b. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.
<b>SMM26</b>	a. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.	a. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.



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SMM	Primary reason for changes	Reasonable alternatives?
SMM27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> <li>b. Updated reference to the dates when neighbourhood plans in Bere Regis and Wareham were made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> <li>b. No alternatives to dates when neighbourhood plan were made.</li> </ul>
SMM28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> </ul>
SMM29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated trajectory charting forecast delivery of homes to 2033/34 reflecting the latest information on yields from different sources of supply and anticipated rates of delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives to updates on development yields from different sources of supply and anticipated rates of delivery.</li> </ul>
SMM30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated references to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives to anticipated yields from different sources of housing land supply.</li> </ul>
SMM31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated cross reference to Policy E9 (SMM21).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative.</li> </ul>
SMM33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> <li>b. Clarification on the requirements for different housing types.</li> <li>c. Revisions to the requirement in criteria k around delivery of a SANG.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> <li>b. No alternatives on clarification of policy requirements.</li> <li>c. No alternatives on clarification of policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> <li>b. Revisions to the requirement in criteria k around delivery of a SANG.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> <li>b. No alternatives on clarification of policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations</li> </ul>
SMM40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> <li>b. Revisions to the text relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> <li>b. No alternatives on clarification to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Alongside earlier MM, revision to make council's expectations around delivery of different types and designs of homes clear.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives as the proposed revisions do not materially effect the way the policy functions.</li> </ul>
SMM46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Alongside earlier MM, revision to policy title to accurately reflect the title in building regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative to title of building regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
SMM49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revisions to the text relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives on clarification to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revisions to the text relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives on clarification to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>
SMM54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.</li> </ul>

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SMM59	a. Revisions to the text relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternatives on clarification to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM60	a. Revisions to policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternatives on policy requirements relating to text in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM61	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
SMM63	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset. b. Revisions to the policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternative terms of reference. b. No alternatives on clarification to policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM64	a. Updated references to the made Wareham Neighbourhood Plan.	a. No alternative terms of reference to the neighbourhood plan.
SMM65	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset. b. Revisions to the policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternative terms of reference. b. No alternatives on clarification to policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM66	a. Revisions to the policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No alternatives on clarification to policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM68	a. Updated reference to pollution from nutrients rather than pollution from nitrogen.	a. No alternative update given emerging scientific evidence on this issue.
SMM69	a. Updated references to the mechanisms used to secure mitigation measures for nutrient pollution.	a. Alternative approaches to mitigation assessed in regard to supporting text and policy relating to Policy E9 (SMM87 and SMM21).
SMM71	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
SMM72	a. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No alternative terms of reference.
SMM76	a. Updated summary of the council's approach to delivery of strategic heathland infrastructure projects through the council's 'interim mitigation strategy' and a SANG at Morden (either independently or alongside enabling development).	a. There are potential alternatives to the IMS, but these were considered and evaluated as part of SA <a href="#">[FMMCD2]</a> conducted on FMM. These alternatives included: Morden Strategic Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), strategic assessment management and monitoring (SAMB), heathland infrastructure projects (HIP), enhancing 'capacity' of existing/proposed SANG to mitigate and restricting development. There have been no changes in circumstances since the evaluation of alternatives in FMMCD2 was undertaken.
SMM77	a. Revisions to text to ensure that the policy is effective.	a. No reasonable alternatives to revisions.
SMM87	a. Clarification and updated information around delivery of development on Wareham Middle School and other land in Wareham. b. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.	a. No reasonable alternatives to factual clarification on deliverability of development on sites in Wareham. b. No alternative terms of reference.
SMM78	a. Clarification and updated information around delivery of development on Wareham Middle School and other land in Wareham. b. Revisions to the policy requirements relating to habitats regulations.	a. No reasonable alternatives to factual clarification on deliverability of development on sites in Wareham. b. No alternatives on clarification to policy requirements in accordance with the habitats regulations.
SMM81	a. Clarification on drafting of policy to ensure effectiveness.	a. No alternatives on clarification to drafting substantive effect of policy.
SMM82	a. Updated monitoring requirements to reflect Main Modifications to Policies E9 and supporting text. b. Updated monitoring requirements to reflect forecasts of development yields from different sources of housing land supply.	a. No alternative around cross references to other local plan policy and text. b. No alternative to forecast yields of homes from different sources of housing land supply. c. No alternative around clarification for monitoring requirements in respect to affordable homes.

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SMM	Primary reason for changes	Reasonable alternatives?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Updates to monitoring requirement relating to affordable housing policy to ensure effectiveness.</li> <li>d. References to Policy 16 updated.</li> <li>e. References to 'District' removed following local government re-organisation in Dorset.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. No alternative to cross reference updated policy elsewhere in the local plan.</li> <li>e. No alternative terms of reference.</li> </ul>
<b>SMM84</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. List of relevant document references (including townscape character appraisals adopted as supplementary planning documents).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternatives to document list.</li> </ul>
<b>SMM85</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Updated schedule of forecast yields from 'small and medium' sized housing sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No alternative to forecast yields of homes from 'small and medium' sized housing sites.</li> </ul>

Table 1: Council's assessment of potential 'reasonable' alternatives to SMM