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## Local Development Scheme Update

### For Decision

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr D Walsh, Planning

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#### Brief Summary:

An update to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) is necessary to reflect the anticipated timeframe for the development of various planning documents including the Dorset Council Local Plan. The revision to the timetable for adopting the local plan is to enable Dorset Council to consider and respond to the significant number of representations received to January 2021 consultation. There is also a need to respond to the additional evidence, to the nutrient neutrality advice and to consider the implications of revised national policy. This LDS should be published on the Council's website.

#### Recommendation:

That Cabinet acknowledge the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan, the Minerals Plan, the Waste Plan and various Neighbourhood Plans within the Local Development Scheme and resolve that it will come into effect as of the date of this committee.

#### Reason for Recommendation:

To enable the publication of the updated LDS to outline the revised timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan and other planning documents as

required by section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

## **1. The Dorset Council Local Plan**

- 1.1 Cabinet agreed in June 2019 to start work on producing a single Dorset Council Local Plan to replace all the current adopted local plans. At this meeting, the Council's first LDS was agreed with subsequent revision agreed in September 2020 and July 2021.
- 1.2 Having an up-to-date local plan is critical as it enables the council to plan strategically for the future development needs of the area whilst protecting its environmental assets. It also gives local people, developers and landowners certainty about what development will take place in their area. Currently all of the adopted local plans are more than five years old and therefore are considered out of date.
- 1.3 By maintaining an up-to-date LDS, it is clear to local people, developers, and landowners when the key stages of the local plan process will take place and when they have an opportunity to be involved in its production.
- 1.4 The high number of representations received to the consultation (in excess of 9,000 responses) raised a number of important issues which highlighted the views, needs and aspirations of the people of Dorset. The Council intends to give full consideration to these responses in preparing the local plan and the revision to the timetable reflects the work needed to achieve this.
- 1.5 In addition, work on the Weymouth Town Centre Flood Risk study is taking longer to complete than initially envisaged and may not be completed until September 2022. Once completed, discussions will need to take place between Dorset Council and the Environment Agency to understand the package of measures needed to reduce flood risk in Weymouth town Centre.
- 1.6 In March of this year, Natural England issued revised guidance on nutrient neutrality across five catchments within Dorset. This advice has significant implications for residential and other development in Dorset. Work is underway to evaluate the extents of the issue and to develop a strategic approach to enable development to take place. Delivery of effective mitigation will however take time.

- 1.7 One of the clear messages that emerged from the local plan consultation was the need to look closely at what can be done to further address the climate and ecological emergencies that Dorset Council has declared. Dorset Council is considering how best the development plan can address these critical objectives alongside the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy. The proposed timetable is intended to allow for this work however there will be a need to keep this under review.
- 1.8 In May 2022, the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill was introduced to Parliament. This proposes significant changes to the way local plans are produced including:
- a move away from the duty to co-operate, and therefore no longer a requirement for local planning authorities to meet unmet housing needs from neighbouring authorities
  - amendments to the 5-year housing land supply requirement making it only impact local planning authorities when the local plan is out of date
  - possible changes to how housing targets are calculated
  - measures to help address the nutrient neutrality requirement for new developments
  - the intention to have a national set of development management policies to streamline plan-making, allowing local planning authorities to focus on strategy, allocations, and location-specific issues
- 1.9 A draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was expected for consultation in July 2022 however this is yet to materialise. The content of the revised NPPF will have implications for the local plan.
- 1.10 The Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill is scheduled to complete its passage through parliament by April 2023.

### **Implications for the Local Plan Timetable**

- 1.11 The published LDS timetable anticipated pre-submission consultation on the local plan towards the end of this year however, the revisions related to nutrient neutrality and delays with evidence gathering have necessitated a review of this timetable. In addition, the uncertainty created by the overdue revised NPPF and the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill will add further delay to the programme.

1.12 The timetable below is intended to allow for additional work to understand the implications of the emerging evidence and national policy changes. This would see a postponement of the pre-submission publication to December 2024 approximately 2 years later than that within the published LDS. This would mean that adoption of the plan would most likely take place in 2026, although it would be a material consideration (albeit with reduced weight) from publication.

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Existing Milestones in adopted LDS</b>	<b>Proposed Milestones</b>
Further evidence and review	-	to Q2 2024
Cabinet	-	Q2 2024
Council	-	Q3 2024
Publication (pre-submission consultation)	Q2 2022	Q4 2024
Submission to Secretary of State	Q4 2022	Q2 2025
Examination	Q2 2023	Q3 2025
Adoption	Q4 2023	Q2 2026

1.13 The consequential orders put in place at the time of Dorset Council's formation included the requirement for a new Dorset-wide local plan to be adopted by spring 2024. The revised timetable outlined above will mean that this requirement will not be met.

1.14 The publication version of the Dorset Council Local Plan will incorporate a wide range of changes made in response to the consultation, the additional evidence, and the national planning reforms. Depending on how the draft plan advances, it may be necessary to add additional consultation stages to those identified in the above table which could have a bearing on the overall timetable, and which would require further updates to the LDS.

1.15 In the period to when the local plan is adopted, there will remain a need to demonstrate on an annual basis a supply of deliverable housing sites equivalent to five-years' worth of the housing target. Should this requirement remain (see paragraph 1.8), there will be a risk of greater pressure from speculative planning applications if an up-to-date local plan

is not in place. The proposed timetable is intended to get a sound plan in place as soon as practicable.

- 1.16 There are also risks to this timetable which are out of the control of Dorset Council. These include the form that the proposed planning reforms and revised NPPF take.
- 1.17 In their current form, the proposed reforms to the planning system would reduce the significance of the requirement to maintain a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites with this requirement only applying once an adopted local plan is more than five years old.
- 1.18 The proposals also suggest changes to the requirement for councils to meet the unmet development requirements of neighbouring local planning authority areas. This is a particular issue for Dorset where BCP Council have indicated that they are unlikely to be able to meet their need.

### **The Purbeck Local Plan**

- 1.19 The Purbeck Local Plan covering the legacy authority area of Purbeck was submitted for examination in January 2019, just before Dorset Council was formed. The Plan is currently passing through the examination process which is now nearing completion. This has taken longer than anticipated but adoption is now expected to be in 2023.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

- 1.20 Since the last update to the LDS, a number of Neighbourhood Plans have been successful at referendum and have now been made part of the development plan for their area. The list of made neighbourhood plans has been updated along with the lists of those plans currently in production. Neighbourhood Plans are not produced by Dorset Council and therefore estimating a detailed timetable for their production is not possible.

### **Minerals and Waste Plans**

- 1.21 In addition to the Dorset Council Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans, the revised LDS is required to cover the minerals and waste plans that Dorset Council as a minerals and waste planning authority is under a statutory requirement to prepare and update.
- 1.22 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy 2014 was adopted in 2014. It was assessed in 2020 and although over five years old was found to be still fit for purpose. However, it is now considered to be due for

an update. The Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan 2019 was adopted in 2019 and therefore is less than five years old so is not yet due to be updated. However, it is considered appropriate as part of the update of the Minerals Strategy 2014 to integrate the strategic approach of that plan with the Mineral Sites Plan 2019 to produce a single BCP and Dorset Minerals Plan. This may include additional site-specific allocations, along with an updated strategic approach.

- 1.23 No change to the BCP and Dorset Waste Plan 2019 is considered necessary or proposed at this time. It will continue to be monitored in the normal way.
- 1.24 To date, discussions with BCP Council about the production of a joint Minerals Plan and joint Waste Plan have not concluded. If BCP Council decide to produce their own Minerals and Waste Plans, the Dorset Council Minerals Plan will be produced in accordance with the timetable in the update LDS.
- 1.25 The revised LDS sets out the council's anticipated timetable for producing the Dorset Council Local Plan but this will need to be kept under review. It also sets out a timetable for the production of other planning documents including the Minerals Plan. The changes made to the published version of the LDS are shown within the revised LDS within Appendix B as tracked changes. Within the document in Appendix B changes are shown as ~~strikethrough~~ for text proposed for deletion or **bold and underlined** for text proposed for insertion.

## 2. **Financial Implications**

- 2.1 This is an amendment to the timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan. The local plan and other planning documents are being produced from existing budgets.
- 2.2 The revised timetable for the local plan will have implications for the implementation of a revised Community Infrastructure Levy charge across Dorset. Options for updating this charge before the local plan is adopted are being considered.

## 3. **Climate Implications**

- 3.1 One of the roles of the Dorset Council Local Plan is to manage where development takes place and the form that this development takes. The new local plan will provide an opportunity to ensure developments respond



to the climate and ecological emergencies. However, in the interim period, development will be considered against the adopted local plan policies and the need to maintain a five-year housing supply.

#### **4. Well-being and Health Implications**

4.1 None – this is an amendment to the timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan.

#### **5. Other Implications**

5.1 None – this is an amendment to the timetable for the production of the Dorset Council Local Plan.

#### **6. Risk Assessment**

6.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Medium

Residual Risk: Medium

#### **7. Equalities Impact Assessment**

7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been prepared for the Dorset Council Local Plan. As this revised LDS amends the timetable for the production of the local plan, along with other updates, it is not considered to have an impact on any groups protected under the Equalities Act.

7.2 Similar Impact Assessments were produced for the minerals and waste plans during their production. These will be refreshed once the review of the BCP and Dorset Minerals Strategy commences.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/equality-and-diversity/equality-impact-assessments/place/dorset-council-local-plan-draft-options-eqia/dorset-council-local-plan-draft-options-eqia.aspx>

#### **8. Appendices**

Appendix A: Dorset Council Local Development Scheme June 2021

Appendix B: Dorset Council Local Development Scheme June 2021 – tracked changes version

#### **9. Background Papers**

Published Local Development Scheme:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan/evidence/dorset-council-lds-september-2020.pdf>

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## INTRODUCTION

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Predicted timescales / dates for consultation periods are given in square brackets [], however these may be subject to change and will be updated regularly.

The Government published a consultation document in August 2020 on the future of the planning system and tabled the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill in May 2022. These indicate significant changes to the approach to local plan preparation, and to the Community Infrastructure Levy and section 106 planning agreements. Once these proposals are finalised then they will be taken into account in future amendments to this Local Development Scheme.

## LOCAL PLANS

The main Development Plan Document (DPD) to be produced will be the Dorset Council Local Plan. This will replace the current local plans adopted by the Borough and District Councils that existed prior to April 2019.

Minerals and waste policies are contained in separate DPDs. Existing and proposed minerals and waste plans are listed here and are discussed in the next section.

EXISTING LOCAL PLANS AND REVIEWS	PROPOSED LOCAL PLANS
<p><b>Existing Local Plans</b></p> <p>Whilst work is being progressed on a new local plan for Dorset, existing adopted DPDs will continue to apply to the areas they covered previously.</p> <p>Existing local plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2014)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>East Dorset Local Plan (2002): Saved policies only</b></li> <li>▪ <b>North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan (2003): Saved policies only</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (2012)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Swanage Local Plan (2017)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (2015)</b></li> </ul> <p>Existing local plans can be viewed online here – <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Borough / District Local Plan Reviews</b></p> <p>The local plan reviews for East Dorset, North Dorset, and West Dorset and Weymouth &amp; Portland will no longer be taken forward. The work undertaken on these reviews will feed into the new Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>	<p><b>Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034)</b></p> <p>The Purbeck Local Plan will set out planning policies and propose allocations to meet the needs of the whole of the former Purbeck District area. The plan was submitted for examination in January 2019. The examination process is nearing completion but has taken longer than anticipated, and adoption is now expected to be in early 2023.</p> <p>Upon adoption, the Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034) will replace the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, but the Swanage Local Plan, which runs until 2027, will continue to apply to Swanage.</p> <p><b>Dorset Council Local Plan</b></p> <p>The Dorset Council Local Plan will set out planning policies and propose allocations to meet the needs of the whole of the Dorset Council area. It will look ahead until at least 2041 in order to ensure provision for growth for 15 years on adoption. The key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: [July 2019] – Complete</li> <li>▪ Options Consultation: [January 2021] – Complete</li> <li>▪ Publication: [December 2024]</li> <li>▪ Submission: [April 2025]</li> <li>▪ Examination: [Autumn 2025]</li> <li>▪ Adoption: [Spring 2026]</li> </ul> <p>It is intended that the Dorset Council Local Plan will replace all existing local plans in the Dorset Council area upon adoption.</p> <p>The Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document (DPD), which has been in preparation, will no longer be taken forward. Any policies relating to, and allocations needed for, Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the Dorset Council area will be made in the Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>

## MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS

Adopted minerals and waste local plans cover the geographical area administered by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council. Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, for minerals and waste matters, this area was administered by Dorset County Council and the unitary authorities of Bournemouth and Poole. It is intended that future minerals and waste plans will continue to apply to the same geographical area and discussions on this approach are underway between Dorset Council and BCP Council .

A new Mineral Sites Plan and a new Waste Plan were adopted by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council in 2019. These replaced the ‘saved’ policies of the minerals and waste plans that previously existed, with the exception of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy, which remains part of the development plan.

EXISTING MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS	PROPOSED MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS
<p>Existing minerals and waste plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan (2019)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan (2019)</b></li> </ul> <p>Existing minerals and waste plans can be viewed online here –</p> <p><a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx</a></p>	<p><b>The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy Review</b></p> <p>The Minerals Strategy 2014 is now more than five years old and Dorset Council will undertake a review to assess the effectiveness and relevance of the policies, updating them and adding new policies where appropriate. This review will incorporate the Minerals Sites Plan 2019 including where necessary, consideration of new site allocations to create a joint Minerals Plan for the Dorset Council and BCP Council areas.</p>

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

When neighbourhood plans are ‘made’ they form part of the statutory development plan. By September 2022, 32 neighbourhood plans in the Dorset Council area had been made and a large number of others were in production including reviews of existing plans. Up-to-date information on neighbourhood plans can be viewed here –

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset.aspx>

EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS	PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS
<p>The following neighbourhood plans have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arne</li> <li>▪ Askerswell</li> <li>▪ Bere Regis</li> <li>▪ Blandford +</li> <li>▪ Bridport Area</li> <li>▪ Bourton</li> <li>▪ Broadwindsor</li> <li>▪ Buckland Newton</li> <li>▪ Cerne Valley</li> <li>▪ Charmouth</li> <li>▪ Chickerell</li> <li>▪ Fontmell Magna</li> <li>▪ Gillingham</li> <li>▪ Hazelbury Bryan</li> <li>▪ Holwell (review)</li> <li>▪ Loders</li> <li>▪ Lytchett Matravers</li> <li>▪ Milborne St Andrew</li> <li>▪ Milton Abbas</li> <li>▪ Motcombe</li> <li>▪ Piddle Valley</li> <li>▪ Pimperne</li> <li>▪ Portland</li> <li>▪ Puddletown</li> <li>▪ Shaftesbury</li> <li>▪ Shillingstone</li> <li>▪ Stinsford</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Newton</li> <li>▪ Sutton Poyntz</li> <li>▪ Upper Marshwood Vale</li> <li>▪ Wareham</li> <li>▪ Yetminster and Ryme</li> <li>▪ Intrinseca</li> </ul>	<p>This neighbourhood plan has been submitted for examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pimperne (review)</li> </ul> <p>The following neighbourhood areas have been designated and in most cases neighbourhood plans are in preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alderholt</li> <li>▪ Beaminster</li> <li>▪ Buckhorn Weston &amp; Kington Magna</li> <li>▪ Chesil Bank</li> <li>▪ Chetnole and Stockwood</li> <li>▪ Church Knowle</li> <li>▪ Colehill</li> <li>▪ Corfe Mullen</li> <li>▪ Corscombe, Halstock and District</li> <li>▪ Iwerne Minster</li> <li>▪ Knightsford</li> <li>▪ Leigh</li> <li>▪ Longburton (Cam Vale)</li> <li>▪ Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch</li> <li>▪ Marnhull</li> <li>▪ Melbury Abbas and Cann</li> <li>▪ Okeford Fitzpaine</li> <li>▪ Queen Thorne</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Marshall</li> <li>▪ Swanage</li> <li>▪ West Lulworth</li> <li>▪ Weymouth</li> <li>▪ Wimborne Minster</li> <li>▪ Wimborne St Giles</li> <li>▪ Wool Parish</li> </ul>



## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) provides a mechanism for collecting financial contributions from developers towards the provision of infrastructure to support development. On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, Dorset Council became the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority and began administering the charging schedules adopted by the former district and borough councils.

Charging schedules have been adopted for all the former district and borough councils, except North Dorset, where CIL is not charged. Links to the relevant charging schedules are available here - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/community-infrastructure-levy/community-infrastructure-levy.aspx>

The CIL charging schedule for the former Purbeck District Council area is being reviewed alongside the review of the Purbeck Local Plan. It is at examination stage but the hearings have yet to be scheduled.

The Government amended the CIL Regulations in 2019. These changes are intended to complement the assessment of viability in the National Planning Policy Framework and aim to make the system of developer contributions more transparent and accountable. Key changes include measures to ensure that consultation on preparing charging schedules is proportionate; and operational reforms, which aim to provide a more transparent approach to reporting on the use of developer contributions to fund infrastructure. The Council is now required to prepare and publish an 'Infrastructure Funding Statement' each year, details of which can be found via the link in this section.

The Government requires that local plans should set out the contributions expected from development and that the viability of all relevant policies including the cost implications of CIL and S106 should be taken into account at plan making stage. Development of the proposed Dorset Council Local Plan will require the review of evidence relating to infrastructure needs and viability and presents an opportunity to prepare a single replacement CIL charging schedule for the new plan area. This will be undertaken alongside or ahead of the preparation of the Local Plan.

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and Guidance (SPGs) will continue to apply to the areas they covered prior to April 2019.

SPDs relating to internationally important wildlife sites will be the priority for review or production. The Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework has been updated with the new version being adopted in 2020 and running to 2026. Other priorities for review include:

- Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour
- The Poole Harbour Recreation Planning Framework 2019 – 2034

These three SPDs also relate to areas within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and any reviews will be carried out jointly with BCP Council.

A further SPD relating to internationally important wildlife sites will be produced alongside the production of the Local Plan covering the impact of recreation on the Chesil and the Fleet SAC/SPA. Further SPD may be necessary to cover nutrient neutrality within the catchments of the Somerset Levels and Moors, the River Avon, Chesil & The Fleet and the River Axe.

Other SPD may be produced to add more detail to the policies in the local plan.

## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A single Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the Dorset Council area, which also relates to minerals and waste policy, has been adopted. This sets out how Dorset Council will involve the community in the preparation and review of planning policy documents and in making planning decisions.

The Statement of Community Involvement is available online at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/282495/December-2020-updated-Dorset+Council+Statement+of+Community+Involvement.pdf/22a75a43-b18b-a852-fc00-108b27be69a9>

## KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES

The following table outlines the key programme milestones for the production of Development Plan Documents<sup>1</sup>. All timescales are indicative and may be subject to change.

Development Plan Document	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
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Dorset and BCP Minerals Plan														Sc	Sc	Pr						Pu			Su					

### Key:

<b>Sc</b>	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Consultation
<b>Pr</b>	Plan Preparation
<b>Pu</b>	Pre-submission Publication
<b>Su</b>	Submission and Examination
<b>A</b>	Adoption

<sup>1</sup> The timetable for the production of the CIL Charging Schedule will run in parallel to the Dorset Council Local Plan.

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<p><b>Existing Local Plans</b></p> <p>Whilst work is being progressed on a new local plan for Dorset, existing adopted DPDs will continue to apply to the areas they covered previously.</p> <p>Existing local plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2014)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>East Dorset Local Plan (2002): Saved policies only</b></li> <li>▪ <b>North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan (2003): Saved policies only</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (2012)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Swanage Local Plan (2017)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (2015)</b></li> </ul> <p>Existing local plans can be viewed online here – <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Borough / District Local Plan Reviews</b></p> <p>The local plan reviews for East Dorset, North Dorset, and West Dorset and Weymouth &amp; Portland will no longer be taken forward. The work undertaken on these reviews will feed into the new Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>	<p><b>Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034)</b></p> <p>The Purbeck Local Plan will set out planning policies and propose allocations to meet the needs of the whole of the former Purbeck District area. The plan was submitted for examination in January 2019. The examination process is nearing completion but has taken longer than anticipated, and adoption is now expected to be in early 2023.</p> <p>Upon adoption, the Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034) will replace the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, but the Swanage Local Plan, which runs until 2027, will continue to apply to Swanage.</p> <p><b>Dorset Council Local Plan</b></p> <p>The Dorset Council Local Plan will set out planning policies and propose allocations to meet the needs of the whole of the Dorset Council area. It will look ahead until at least 2041 in order to ensure provision for growth for 15 years on adoption. The key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: [July 2019] – Complete</li> <li>▪ Options Consultation: [January 2021] – Complete</li> <li>▪ Publication: [December 2024]</li> <li>▪ Submission: [April 2025]</li> <li>▪ Examination: [Autumn 2025]</li> <li>▪ Adoption: [Spring 2026]</li> </ul> <p>It is intended that the Dorset Council Local Plan will replace all existing local plans in the Dorset Council area upon adoption.</p> <p>The Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document (DPD), which has been in preparation, will no longer be taken forward. Any policies relating to, and allocations needed for, Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the Dorset Council area will be made in the Dorset Council Local Plan.</p>



## MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS

Adopted minerals and waste local plans cover the geographical area administered by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council. Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, for minerals and waste matters, this area was administered by Dorset County Council and the unitary authorities of Bournemouth and Poole. It is intended that future minerals and waste plans will continue to apply to the same geographical area and discussions on this approach are underway between Dorset Council and BCP Council.

A new Mineral Sites Plan and a new Waste Plan were adopted by Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council in 2019. These replaced the ‘saved’ policies of the minerals and waste plans that previously existed, with the exception of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy, which remains part of the development plan.

EXISTING MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS	PROPOSED MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS
<p>Existing minerals and waste plans are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy (2014)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan (2019)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan (2019)</b></li> </ul> <p>Existing minerals and waste plans can be viewed online here –</p> <p><a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/adopted-local-plans.aspx</a></p>	<p><b>The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy Review</b></p> <p>The Minerals Strategy 2014 is now more than five years old and Dorset Council will undertake a review to assess the effectiveness and relevance of the policies, updating them and adding new policies where appropriate. This review will incorporate the Minerals Sites Plan 2019 including where necessary, consideration of new site allocations to create a joint Minerals Plan for the Dorset Council and BCP Council areas.</p>

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

When neighbourhood plans are ‘made’ they form part of the statutory development plan. By September 2022, 32 neighbourhood plans in the Dorset Council area had been made and a large number of others were in production including reviews of existing plans. Up-to-date information on neighbourhood plans can be viewed here –

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset.aspx>

EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS	PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS
<p>The following neighbourhood plans have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arne</li> <li>▪ Askerswell</li> <li>▪ Bere Regis</li> <li>▪ Blandford +</li> <li>▪ Bridport Area</li> <li>▪ Bourton</li> <li>▪ Broadwindsor</li> <li>▪ Buckland Newton</li> <li>▪ Cerne Valley</li> <li>▪ Charmouth</li> <li>▪ Chickerell</li> <li>▪ Fontmell Magna</li> <li>▪ Gillingham</li> <li>▪ Hazelbury Bryan</li> <li>▪ Holwell (review)</li> <li>▪ Loders</li> <li>▪ Lytchett Matravers</li> <li>▪ Milborne St Andrew</li> <li>▪ Milton Abbas</li> <li>▪ Motcombe</li> <li>▪ Piddle Valley</li> <li>▪ Pimperne</li> <li>▪ Portland</li> <li>▪ Puddletown</li> <li>▪ Shaftesbury</li> <li>▪ Shillingstone</li> <li>▪ Stinsford</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Newton</li> <li>▪ Sutton Poyntz</li> <li>▪ Upper Marshwood Vale</li> <li>▪ Wareham</li> <li>▪ Yetminster and Ryme</li> <li>Intrinseca</li> </ul>	<p>This neighbourhood plan has been submitted for examination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pimperne (review)</li> </ul> <p>The following neighbourhood areas have been designated and in most cases neighbourhood plans are in preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alderholt</li> <li>▪ Beaminster</li> <li>▪ Buckhorn Weston &amp; Kington Magna</li> <li>▪ Chesil Bank</li> <li>▪ Chetnole and Stockwood</li> <li>▪ Church Knowle</li> <li>▪ Colehill</li> <li>▪ Corfe Mullen</li> <li>▪ Corscombe, Halstock and District</li> <li>▪ Iwerne Minster</li> <li>▪ Knightsford</li> <li>▪ Leigh</li> <li>▪ Longburton (Cam Vale)</li> <li>▪ Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch</li> <li>▪ Marnhull</li> <li>▪ Melbury Abbas and Cann</li> <li>▪ Okeford Fitzpaine</li> <li>▪ Queen Thorne</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Marshall</li> <li>▪ Swanage</li> <li>▪ West Lulworth</li> <li>▪ Weymouth</li> <li>▪ Wimborne Minster</li> <li>▪ Wimborne St Giles</li> <li>▪ Wool Parish</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) provides a mechanism for collecting financial contributions from developers towards the provision of infrastructure to support development. On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, Dorset Council became the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority and began administering the charging schedules adopted by the former district and borough councils.

Charging schedules have been adopted for all the former district and borough councils, except North Dorset, where CIL is not charged. Links to the relevant charging schedules are available here - <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning/community-infrastructure-levy/community-infrastructure-levy.aspx>

The CIL charging schedule for the former Purbeck District Council area is being reviewed alongside the review of the Purbeck Local Plan. It is at examination stage but the hearings have yet to be scheduled.

The Government amended the CIL Regulations in 2019. These changes are intended to complement the assessment of viability in the National Planning Policy Framework and aim to make the system of developer contributions more transparent and accountable. Key changes include measures to ensure that consultation on preparing charging schedules is proportionate; and operational reforms, which aim to provide a more transparent approach to reporting on the use of developer contributions to fund infrastructure. The Council is now required to prepare and publish an 'Infrastructure Funding Statement' each year, details of which can be found via the link in this section.

The Government requires that local plans should set out the contributions expected from development and that the viability of all relevant policies including the cost implications of CIL and S106 should be taken into account at plan making stage. Development of the proposed Dorset Council Local Plan will require the review of evidence relating to infrastructure needs and viability and presents an opportunity to prepare a single replacement CIL charging schedule for the new plan area. This will be undertaken alongside or ahead of the preparation of the Local Plan.

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and Guidance (SPGs) will continue to apply to the areas they covered prior to April 2019.

SPDs relating to internationally important wildlife sites will be the priority for review or production. The Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework has been updated with the new version being adopted in 2020 and running to 2026. Other priorities for review include:

- Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour
- The Poole Harbour Recreation Planning Framework 2019 – 2034

These three SPDs also relate to areas within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and any reviews will be carried out jointly with BCP Council.

A further SPD relating to internationally important wildlife sites will be produced alongside the production of the Local Plan covering the impact of recreation on the Chesil and the Fleet SAC/SPA. Further SPD may be necessary to cover nutrient neutrality within the catchments of the Somerset Levels and Moors, the River Avon, Chesil & The Fleet and the River Axe.

Other SPD may be produced to add more detail to the policies in the local plan.

## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A single Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the Dorset Council area, which also relates to minerals and waste policy, has been adopted. This sets out how Dorset Council will involve the community in the preparation and review of planning policy documents and in making planning decisions.

The Statement of Community Involvement is available online at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/282495/December-2020-updated-Dorset+Council+Statement+of+Community+Involvement.pdf/22a75a43-b18b-a852-fc00-108b27be69a9>

## KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES

The following table outlines the key programme milestones for the production of Development Plan Documents<sup>1</sup>. All timescales are indicative and may be subject to change.

Development Plan Document	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034)	Su														A															
Dorset Council Local Plan	Sc Pr																					Pu		Su						A
Dorset and BCP Minerals Plan													Sc	Sc	Pr							Pu		Su				A		

### Key:

<b>Sc</b>	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Consultation
<b>Pr</b>	Plan Preparation
<b>Pu</b>	Pre-submission Publication
<b>Su</b>	Submission and Examination
<b>A</b>	Adoption

<sup>1</sup> The timetable for the production of the CIL Charging Schedule will run in parallel to the Dorset Council Local Plan.