

# THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR DORSET



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## INTRODUCTION

This is the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Dorset Council, setting out a programme for the preparation of new planning policy documents. The main focus is the production of a new local plan for Dorset, but minerals and waste policies are also being reviewed.

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

## 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 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/planning-policy.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/planning-policy.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Borough / District Local Plan Reviews</b></p> <p>The current 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 will take place during Summer 2019 and adoption is anticipated in December 2019.</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 2038 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]</li> <li>▪ Options Consultation: [September 2020]</li> <li>▪ Publication: [September 2021]</li> <li>▪ Submission: [March 2022]</li> <li>▪ Examination: [Summer 2022]</li> <li>▪ Adoption: [Spring 2023]</li> </ul> <p>It is intended that the Dorset Council Local Plan would 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 and emerging 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 this area was administered by Dorset County Council and the unitary authorities of Bournemouth and Poole. Adopted and emerging minerals and waste plans will continue to apply to the same geographical area.

The emerging Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan were the subject of examination hearings before local government reorganisation came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 but their adoption will be the responsibility of the new Dorset Council and BCP Council. They will replace the 'saved' policies of the minerals and waste plans that currently exist, with the exception of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy, which will remain 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, Dorset and Poole Waste Local Plan (2006) : Saved policies only</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Dorset Minerals and Waste Local Plan (1999): Saved policies only</b></li> </ul> <p>Existing minerals and waste plans can be viewed online here - <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/planning-policy.aspx">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/planning-policy.aspx</a></p>	<p><b>The Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan</b></p> <p>This plan will cover the whole of the Dorset Council and BCP Council administrative areas. It will set out the aims, objectives and spatial strategy for dealing with waste and will also contain policies and allocations for waste management sites.</p> <p>The plan has undergone examination and the inspector found it sound, subject to the inclusion of modifications contained in his report. The plan will now be put before Dorset Council and BCP Council for adoption. Once adopted it will supersede all remaining 'saved' policies in the 2006 Waste Local Plan.</p> <p>The key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoption: [July 2019]</li> </ul> <p><b>The Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan</b></p> <p>This plan will cover the whole of the Dorset Council and BCP Council administrative areas. It will contain site allocations and other detailed policies to deliver the adopted Minerals Strategy.</p> <p>The plan is at examination and, if found sound will be put before Dorset Council and BCP Council for adoption. Once adopted it will supersede all remaining 'saved' policies in the 1999 Minerals and Waste Local Plan.</p> <p>The key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoption: [Autumn 2019]</li> </ul>

EXISTING MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS	PROPOSED MINERALS AND WASTE PLANS
	<p data-bbox="746 206 1278 271"><b>The Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Minerals Strategy Review</b></p> <p data-bbox="746 293 1342 465">Further review of the Minerals Strategy will take place following the adoption of the Mineral Sites Plan and the Waste Plan during 2019. It is likely that any further review will be undertaken jointly with BCP Council.</p> <p data-bbox="746 488 1331 624">The timescales for the Minerals Strategy Review may be subject to change (depending on the extent of the review that is undertaken), but the key stages and likely timescales are:</p> <ul data-bbox="794 647 1315 819" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="794 647 1315 712">▪ Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: [September 2019]</li> <li data-bbox="794 719 1203 748">▪ Publication: [November 2020]</li> <li data-bbox="794 754 1134 784">▪ Submission: [April 2021]</li> <li data-bbox="794 790 1110 819">▪ Adoption: [June 2022]</li> </ul>

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

When neighbourhood plans are ‘made’ they form part of the statutory development plan. In June 2019, 15 neighbourhood plans in the Dorset Council area had been made and several others were in production. Up-to-date information on neighbourhood plans can be viewed here -

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset/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>▪ Askerswell</li> <li>▪ Bere Regis</li> <li>▪ Bourton</li> <li>▪ Buckland Newton</li> <li>▪ Cerne Valley</li> <li>▪ Fontmell Magna</li> <li>▪ Gillingham</li> <li>▪ Hazelbury Bryan</li> <li>▪ Holwell</li> <li>▪ Loders</li> <li>▪ Lytchett Matravers</li> <li>▪ Piddle Valley</li> <li>▪ Pimperne</li> <li>▪ Shillingstone</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Newton</li> </ul>	<p>These neighbourhood plans have gone through examination with a recommendation that, subject to modification, they should proceed to referendum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broadwindsor</li> <li>▪ Milborne St Andrew</li> </ul> <p>These neighbourhood plans are at examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Blandford + (including Bryanston and Blandford St Mary)</li> <li>▪ Wareham Town</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>▪ Arne</li> <li>▪ Alderholt</li> <li>▪ Beaminster</li> <li>▪ Bridport Area</li> <li>▪ Charmouth</li> <li>▪ Chesil Bank</li> <li>▪ Chetnole and Stockwood</li> <li>▪ Chickerell</li> <li>▪ Corscombe, Halstock and District</li> <li>▪ Iwerne Minster</li> <li>▪ Leigh</li> <li>▪ Longburton (Cam Vale)</li> <li>▪ Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch</li> <li>▪ Melbury Abbas and Cann</li> <li>▪ Milton Abbas</li> <li>▪ Motcombe</li> <li>▪ Okeford Fitzpaine</li> <li>▪ Portland</li> <li>▪ Puddletown</li> <li>▪ Shaftesbury</li> <li>▪ Stinsford</li> <li>▪ Sturminster Marshall</li> <li>▪ Sutton Poyntz</li> <li>▪ Upper Marshwood Vale</li> <li>▪ West Lulworth</li> <li>▪ Wool Parish</li> <li>▪ Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic</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. The examination of the revised draft charging schedule for Purbeck will take place in Autumn 2019 and adoption is anticipated in December 2019.

The Government consulted on draft legislation to amend the CIL Regulations during December 2018 and January 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. If the Government enact the amended Regulations as drafted, it will require the Council to prepare and publish an 'Infrastructure Funding Statement' by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019. This (and any other required changes to how CIL is charged and administered) will be made in accordance with the timescales set out in the amended Regulations.

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. The introduction of new CIL Regulations will help inform the way forward.

## SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND GUIDANCE

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, including:

- The Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2015 – 2020
- 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 so will be reviewed jointly with BCP Council.

## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A single Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the Dorset Council area, which also relates to minerals and waste policy, is being prepared. It will set out how Dorset Council will involve the community in the preparation and review of planning policy documents and in making planning decisions. The draft SCI is online here – [add link](#).

## KEY PROGRAMME MILESTONES

The following table outlines the key programme milestones for the production of Development Plan Documents. 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	Q2 2023	Q2 2023
Purbeck Local Plan (2018 – 2034)	Su	A														
Dorset Council Local Plan	Sc	Pr							Pu	Su						A
Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan	A															
Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Waste Plan	A															
Bournemouth Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Minerals Strategy	Sc	Pr				Pu	Su					A				

### Key:

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