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## Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

### Policy Details

What is this policy for?	Setting out how residential and commercial development in the catchment of Poole Harbour will achieve nitrogen neutrality to meet the current Policy PH: Poole Harbour in Purbeck Local Plan Part 1. Increasing levels of nitrogen from sewage and agriculture are contributing to the growth of algal mats in Poole Harbour, restricting the food available for wading birds protected under European law. Population growth resulting from development would generate additional sewage. This SPD sets out a framework for mitigating this, through direct or indirect methods which need to last 80-125 years. Delivery will be through use of section 106 agreements or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments made by developers.
Who does this policy affect?	The policy supports the local plan policies that seek to avoid harm to internationally protected nature conservation sites, by explaining how mitigation measures can be put in place to avoid the continuing increase in nitrogen levels. It will affect developers, landowners and planning applicants within the Poole Harbour catchment area, which includes significant parts of the Dorset Council area.  The affected area is that where sewerage drains into Poole Harbour. A separate plan has been prepared by the agricultural sector to tackle the nitrogen from agricultural practices entering the harbour.
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Dorset Council policy adopted from	North Dorset District Council Purbeck District Council West Dorset District Council  Dorset Council has adopted policies from its constituent councils. Please be aware varying policies apply within the Dorset Council area. Policies will be reviewed and/or harmonised by 1 April 2021.
Does this policy relate to any laws?	Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Localism Act 2011 Town and Country Planning (local planning (England) Regulations 2012 Water Framework Directive

Is this policy linked to any other Dorset Council policies?	Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 – Policy PH: Poole Harbour. Updated policy in Purbeck Local Plan Submission (2018-2034), as submitted for examination in January 2019 – Policy E9. West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan North Dorset Local Plan
Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)	An EqIA for the Purbeck Local Plan (but not this specific policy) was submitted in January 2019. The EqIA summarised that there would be no adverse issues resulting to the key groups identified, as a result of implementing the Poole Harbour policy E9.  The EqIA will be updated when the policy is reviewed for Dorset Council.
Other Impact Assessments	Considered as part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment of the local plan.

You can view the Nitrogen Reduction in Poole Harbour (Supplementary Planning Document) on our website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/purbeck/guidance-and-supplementary-planning-documents/pdfs/nitrogen-reduction-in-poole-harbour-spd-adopted.pdf>

## Status and Approvals

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