

# Purbeck District Council November 2018 Report

## **Purbeck Local Plan**

All councillors were at a recent meeting at the Purbeck School where we discussed and agreed our final submission of our Local Plan. The draft Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034 will be published between 22 October and 3 December 2018. During this period, people can comment on the Plan and its policies. All comments received will then be passed to an independent planning inspector who will examine the plan before it can be adopted in autumn 2019 and used to determine planning applications from then onwards.

This plan has been the subject of a number of public consultations in 2015, 2016 and 2018. Many people expressed concern during the 2016 consultation about the number of extra homes, so the Council pledged to fully review the plan and has now included a policy to restrict the number of second homes. New guidance was received from the Government in autumn 2017 which estimated fewer extra new homes were needed: 1,700 compared with 3,080 extra new homes specified in 2016.

The most recent consultation took place in early 2018 and focused primarily on housing. Over 8,000 residents, businesses and organisations completed a paper questionnaire and telephone survey. Following consideration of the feedback received during the consultations and some revised technical information and data, the Purbeck Local Plan was then revised and agreed. Without a valid plan, we are open to the threat of speculative developers.

People should submit their comments online at [Purbeck-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/](http://Purbeck-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/) between 22 October and 3 December 2018. Only comments received during this period can be considered by the inspector. If anyone needs assistance, they should contact the Planning Policy team at Purbeck District Council at [localplan@purbeck-dc.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@purbeck-dc.gov.uk) or telephone 01929 557260. The draft plan, supporting documentation and response form can be found at [dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Purbeck-local-plan-presubmission](http://dorsetforyou.gov.uk/Purbeck-local-plan-presubmission).

## **Surgery**

Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of every month. These are held at the communal Lounge in Turberville Court in Bere Regis from 09.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. If you have any questions or queries related to the business of Purbeck District Council please do come along. If anyone wants to contact me and cannot get to the surgery my email address is [peter.wharf@btopenworld.com](mailto:peter.wharf@btopenworld.com).

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