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Executive Summary

The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) plays an important role in reporting progress the Council is making on the preparation of planning documents and the performance of existing planning policies.

This AMR covers the monitoring period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 and is based on the policies of the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland joint Local Plan ('Local Plan'). The most significant change since the last AMR was produced is that West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are now no longer, and instead have been replaced by a unitary authority; Dorset Council which was formed on the 1st April 2019. Dorset Council replaces the areas formerly served by the district and borough councils; East Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland and Dorset County Council. Work has progressed on the Dorset Local Plan and the consultation for the Dorset Local Plan was held from January 2021 to March 2021.

This monitoring report is the second AMR prepared since the formation of Dorset Council and covers the areas previously know as West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council. These areas are still monitoring individually as the adopted Joint Local Plan policies are still applied across this area and the monitoring of these will continue until a plan covering the Dorset Council area has been adopted.

The AMR reports on the progress made in the preparation of planning documents in 2019/20 and the performance of the key monitoring indicators in the adopted Local Plan to ensure the policies are being applied as intended and working effectively.

The Local Plan was formally adopted by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council on 15 October 2015 and West Dorset District Council on 22 October 2015. In the Planning Inspectors report on the examination of the Local Plan, published 14 August 2015, he concluded that there was a '*need for an early review of the Local Plan by 2021 to ensure provision of sufficient housing land for the remainder of the plan period*'.

The West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Local Plan review was being undertaken in line with this modification. In June 2019 the Dorset Council cabinet agreed that work on the individual plans for each previous local authority area (with the exception of Purbeck District Council) would be halted and work would be focussed on progressing the Dorset Council Local Plan. The new LDS includes the timescales for the Dorset Council Local Plan.

During the monitoring period there were 15 neighbourhood plans within West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland being produced. There are 3 neighbourhood plans proceeding to referendum including Portland neighbourhood plan, Chickerell neighbourhood plan and Puddletown neighbourhood plan.

In terms of key targets in the adopted Local Plan a several of these have not been met including the number of dwellings required per annum, a total of 697 dwellings (including communal dwellings) were completed.

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Policy SUS1 includes a target for 3ha of employment land to be delivered on allocated sites. In West Dorset 0.88ha of employment land was developed on allocated sites however there were a number of applications completed on allocated sites for non employment uses resulting in a loss of 0.59ha in West Dorset. In Weymouth and Portland there was a total of 0.29ha of employment land developed on allocated sites, however there was a loss 1.27ha of employment land on allocated sites resulting in an overall loss recorded of 0.99ha on allocated employment land lost to other uses. In total on allocated land in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland there was an overall loss of 0.41ha of allocated employment land in the monitoring period.

There were a number of other policy monitoring indicators which were reached including those relating to:

- Policy ENV2 - (Environmental designations) - West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland showed increases in the area designated for nature conservation.

Other monitoring indicators which were not reached include those relating to:

- Policy ENV5 (Flood Risk) - 20 planning permissions were granted contrary to advice of the environment agency, above the target of zero.

1 Introduction

- 1.0.1 This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) presents the progress made by Dorset Council in relation to the adopted policies and monitoring indicators in the West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Local Plan and in preparing local planning documents and reports to meet their aims and objectives during the period 31 March 2019 to 1 April 2020.
- 1.0.2 This AMR has been prepared by Dorset Council but covers the areas previously known as West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council to monitor the joint West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan which still applies to these areas until a Dorset-wide Local Plan is adopted.
- 1.0.3 This report contains the following:
- A review of the progress made in the preparation of the Local Plan documents and Neighbourhood Plans (as recorded in the Local Development Scheme);
 - A summary of the actions taken in relation to the Duty to Cooperate whilst developing these documents;
 - An account of the characteristics of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland; and
 - An evaluation of the performance of the strategic approach and policies contained in each chapter of the joint Local Plan, which are:
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Sustainable Pattern of Development
 - Economy
 - Housing
 - Community Needs and Infrastructure.
- 1.0.4 This report also contains an evaluation of the performance of the monitoring indicators included in the adopted Sustainability Appraisal which supports the adopted Local Plan.
- 1.0.5 It conforms with Section 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

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2 Local Development Scheme Progress

- 2.0.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland has been replaced by the Dorset Council LDS which includes information on progressing the provides a programme for the preparation of Local Planning policy documents and presents key milestones in the timetable for their delivery.
- 2.0.2 The most recent LDS was published in June 2019 (LDS 2019) replacing the previous version (LDS 2016) which was published in March 2016. The LDS 2019 includes the following table outlining the timetable for the main Local Planning Policy documents to be produced:

Figure 2.1: Local Development Scheme timetable published June 2019

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
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

- 2.0.3 This section reports on the progress made against the programme for delivery for the following Local Planning policy documents as included in the LDS 2019 timetable:

- Dorset Council Local Plan

2.1. WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

- 2.1.1 The West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Local Plan was adopted in October 2015, however the Planning Inspector recommended that a review should be undertaken to identify further options for development.
- 2.1.2 The first round of consultation on the Local Plan review, on the Issues and Options document, ran from 6 February 2017 to 3 April 2017. A summary document of all the consultation responses was published August 2017. This report is available on the dorsetforyou website.
- 2.1.3 After the Issues and Options consultation ended work started on the Preferred Options document and supporting background papers. The Preferred Options documents were consulted on between 13 August 2018 to 15 October 2018. In early 2018 a number of the evidence base documents were finalised and published including: the Joint Retail and Commercial Leisure Study; Review of Managed Realignment Area for Charmouth - Dorset 2018, the Sport and Leisure Facilities Needs Assessment; the Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment; the Strategic Landscape and Heritage Study; and an updated SHLAA, all of which are available on the dorsetforyou website. There are also several pieces of evidence that are soon to be finalised, including the Transport Modelling study. The consultation summary from the Preferred Options consultation was then later published in June 2019 and is available on the dorsetforyou website.
- 2.1.4 In April 2019 the individual authorities across Dorset were replaced by two unitary councils of which West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland were replaced by Dorset Council (alongside Purbeck District Council, North Dorset District Council and East Dorset District Council).
- 2.1.5 As part of the formation of the unitary authorities Dorset Council received a consequential order from Central Government that requires the Council to produce and adopt a new local plan, reflecting the changed council geography by April 2024. However the Council expressed a preference to adopt the plan by April 2023 to prevent the plan being adopted alongside councillor elections. This tight time schedule will be challenging, and as a result of this schedule it was decided that the work on the individual plans (with the exception of Purbeck District Council, as the Local Plan was already at submission stage) would cease and work should immediately start on the Dorset-wide Local Plan, if the plan is to be adopted before spring 2023. However the work done and evidence gathered from work on the individual Local Plans would be carried forwards to form part of the evidence base for the Dorset-wide Local Plan, including the comments from the consultation on the individual Local Plans.

2.2. DORSET-WIDE GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE SITE ALLOCATIONS JOINT DPD

2.2.1 Due to the creation of the unitary authority, the decision has been taken to identify the need and allocate sites for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople through the Dorset Local Plan. Work on this is ongoing with a call for sites and site assessment already being done. The consultation on the sites will for part of the consultation on the Dorset Council Local Plan.

2.3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

2.3.1 Neighbourhood plans are planning policy documents prepared by local communities, giving local people the opportunity to influence the future of their area.

2.3.2 The first process in developing a neighbourhood plan is for those communities to apply to the Local Planning authority to suggest the area that they want to designate for their neighbourhood plan.

2.3.3 In the monitoring year 2019/20, the following neighbourhood plans were in preparation:

- Bridport Area
- Beaminster
- Broadwindsor
- Charmouth
- Chesil Bank
- Chetnole and Stockwood
- Chickerell
- Corscombe Halstock and Distirt
- Leigh
- Longburton (Cam Vale)
- Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch
- Portland
- Puddletown
- Queen Thorne
- Stinsford
- Sutton Poyntz Society
- Weymouth
- Yetminster and Ryeme Intrinseca

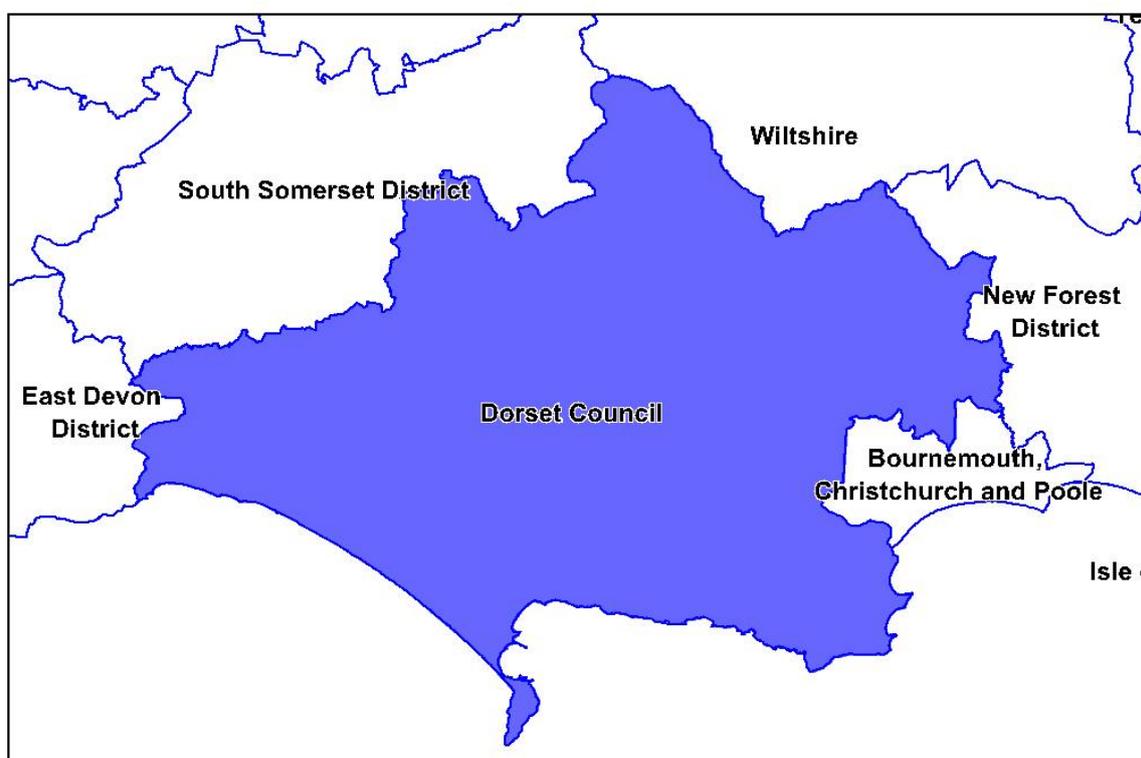
2.3.4 The following neighbourhood plans were made in the monitoring period:

- Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan
- Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan
- Sutton Poyntz Society Neighbourhood Plan

3 Duty to Cooperate

- 3.0.1 The legal duty to cooperate, imposed by Section 110 of the Localism Act (2011), requires Local Planning Authorities to engage '*constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis*' with one another in the preparation of plans, and have regard to each other's other relevant activities.
- 3.0.2 Due to the recent replacement of the individual local authorities across Dorset with two unitary authorities, Dorset Council and BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole), meaning there will be changes in the adjacent local authorities. Figure 3.1 shows the boundaries around the Dorset Council unitary authority.

Figure 3.1: A map showing the areas of jurisdiction for the district of Dorset Council and the surrounding Local Authorities.



Source: Dorset Council 2020

- 3.0.3 Duty to cooperate is therefore addressed by Dorset Council as a whole and a duty to cooperate statement is produced by Dorset Council regularly. However Dorset Council have worked as a whole on a number of joint projects with neighbouring Local Authorities including a Joint Greenbelt study with BCP, Poole Harbour SPD monitoring, working with the New Forest on recreational pressure on the New Forest National park and commenting on the Wiltshire Council Local Plan review consultation.

4 Environment and Climate Change

4.1. BACKGROUND

4.1.1 The previously known areas of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland are home to a diverse range of wildlife habitats and species, with approximately 10,930ha (9.7%) of the area designated at a regional (5.5%), national (3.9%), and/or international level (2.8%).

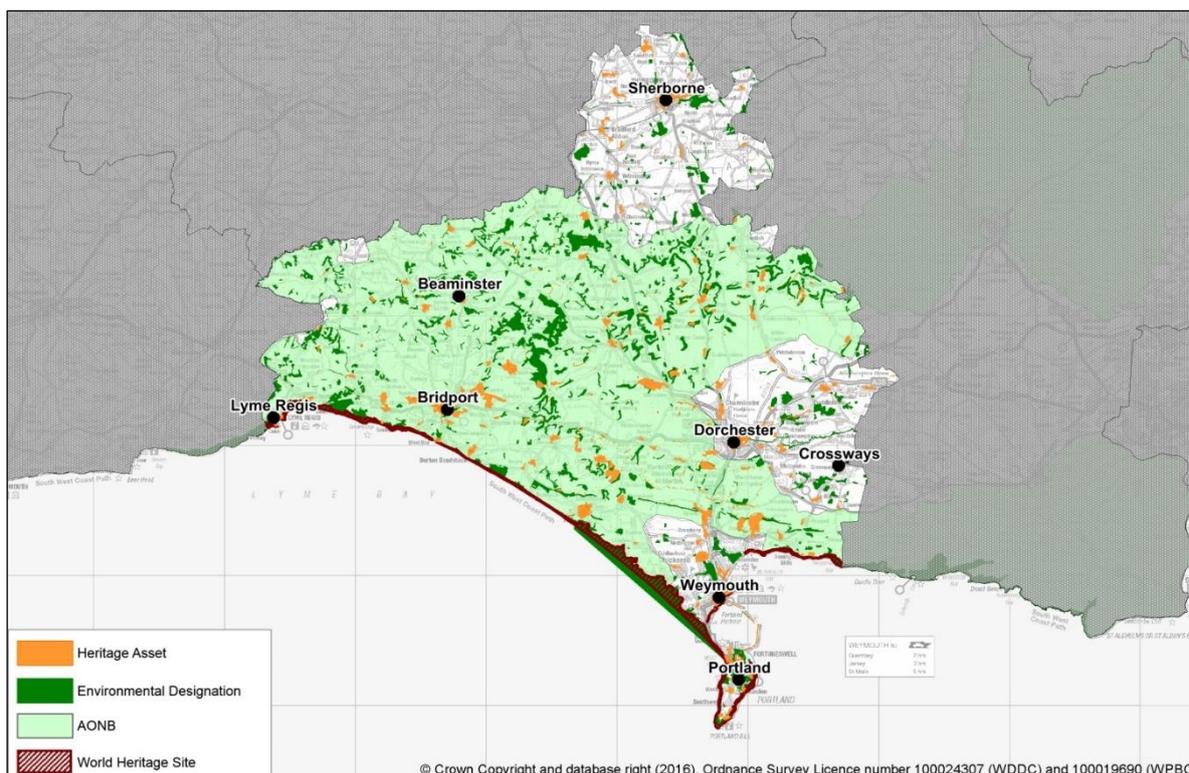


Figure 4.1: Major environmental and heritage designations across the previous Local authority areas of WDDC and WPBC

4.1.2 The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation recognises landscapes of particularly high quality and covers approximately 69% of the previous local authority areas of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland.

4.1.3 In addition, the vast majority of the coastline in this area is part of the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site due to its outstanding geological and geomorphological value, with only a small section of coastline in Weymouth omitted.

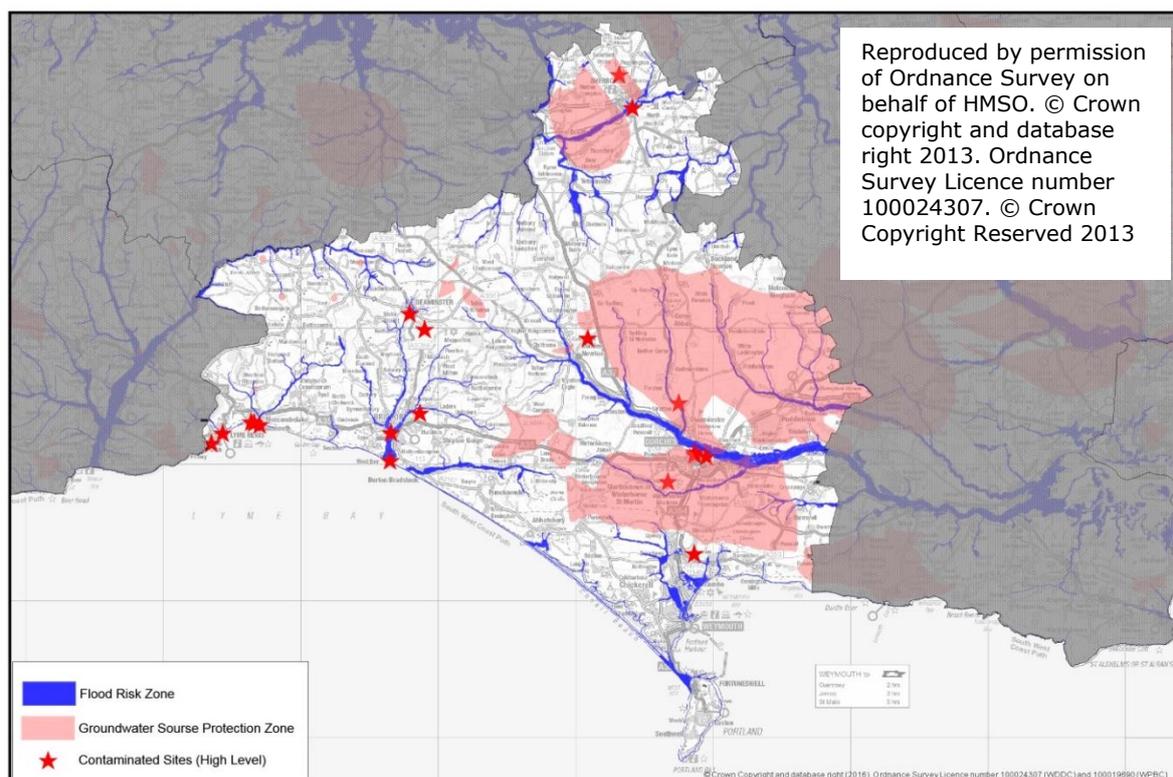
4.1.4 The previous local authorities of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland also have a rich historic heritage, with approximately 8,000 Listed buildings, 90 Conservation Areas, numerous archaeological sites, and nationally important heritage assets designated, such as Scheduled Ancient Monuments.

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- 4.1.5 Due to the proximity of the coast in parts of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland there are areas which have been identified as being at risk of tidal flooding and coastal erosion as well as other areas being susceptible to fluvial flooding.
- 4.1.6 The groundwater resources which supply drinking water are vulnerable to pollution and are classified as Groundwater Source Protection Areas which are identified in figure 4.2 below. Zone 1 denotes the most vulnerable areas, with 8% coverage over West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland area. Zone 2 covers approximately 13% and Zone 3 covers approximately 7% of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland.
- 4.1.7 The most recent strategy is the West Dorset District Council's Contaminated Land Strategy, which identifies areas with a low, medium or high potential for contamination, often on the basis of their historic use. A similar strategy is being developed for Weymouth and Portland as well as an update being carried out across West Dorset.

Figure 4.2: Flood and pollution vulnerability across WDDC and WPBC



- 4.1.8 Agricultural land is an important asset which is identified in national planning policy and the adopted Local Plan (2015). National Planning Policy indicates that planning should recognise the benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land and:

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“Where significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, areas of poorer quality land should be preferred to those of a higher quality”¹.

4.1.9 The Agricultural Land Classification system classifies land into five grades, with the best and most versatile land defined as Grades 1 (‘excellent’), 2 (‘very good’) and 3a (‘good’). Grade 1 and 2 designations represent 21% of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, with the highest grade land situated to the north of Bridport and to the west of Sherborne, as shown in figure 4.3 below.

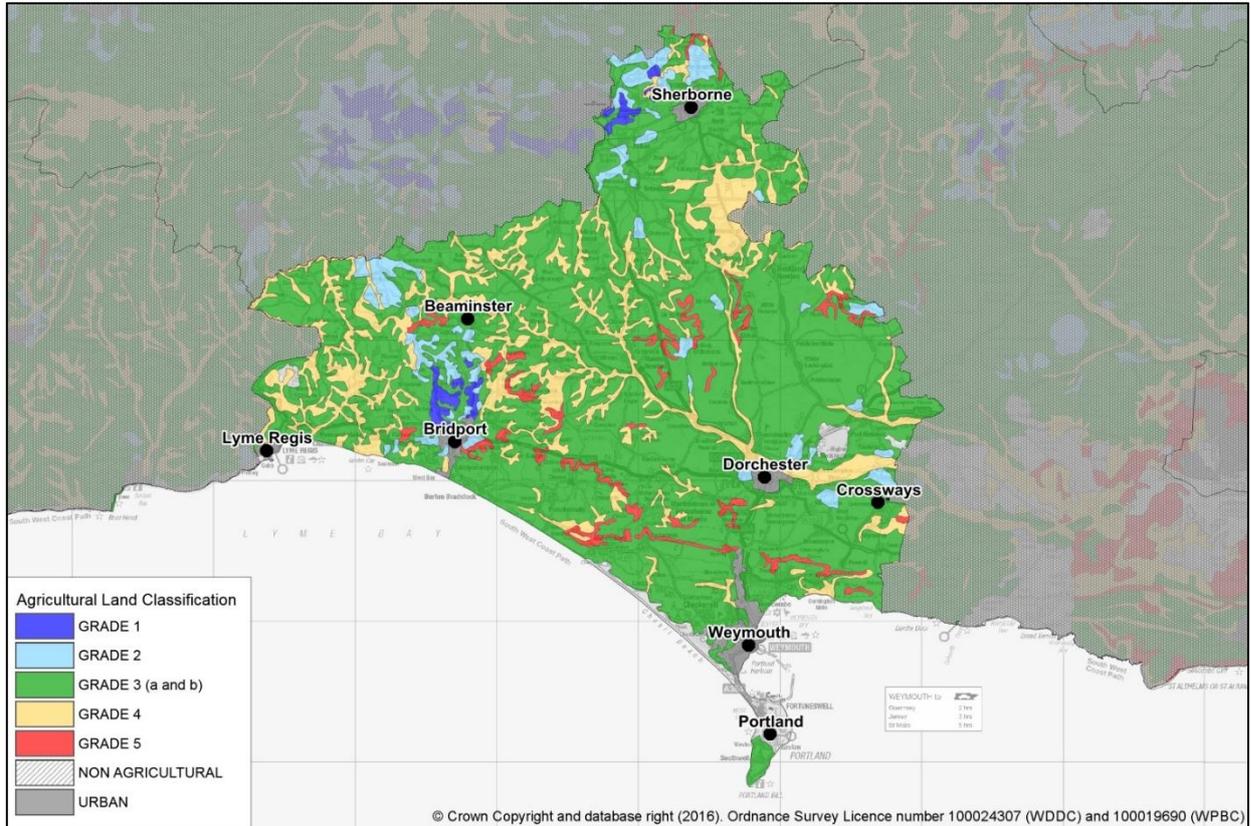


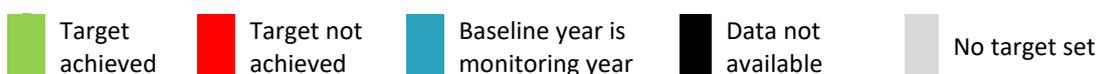
Figure 4.3: Agricultural land classification across WDDC and WPBC

¹ Paragraphs 170, 171 and footnote 53, National Planning Policy Framework, DCLG (July 2018)

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4.2. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES



Monitoring Indicator	Target	WDDC	WPBC
ENV 2 - Wildlife and Habitats		Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Change in areas designated for their intrinsic nature conservation value.	Net increase	182ha	0.6ha
Condition of sites designated for their nature conservation interest.	Net increase	Remained the same	Remained the same
Heathland bird populations.	No net decrease	No data	No data
Visitor numbers to protected Heathland Sites	No net increase	No data	No data
Visitor numbers to SANGs following implementation	Net increase	No SANGS provided at this time	No SANGS provided at this time

- 4.2.1 The monitoring for the wildlife and habitats policy (ENV 2) of the Local Plan showed the total area of land covered by wildlife designations increased over the previous local authority area of West Dorset with a net increase of 182ha. This is due to the increase in area of International Sites (182ha) including SAC's, SPA's and Ramsar sites.
- 4.2.2 The previous local authority area of Weymouth and Portland shows a small increase in the total area designated for nature conservation. There was a very minor increase in the area designated for International Sites (0.6ha) and no change in the area designated for SSSI's. More information is available on the decrease in nature conservation areas in West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland figure A6 in appendix A.
- 4.2.3 There has been some work looking into the condition of nature conservation sites focusing on the current state of the nationally designated SSSIs (Sites of Specific Scientific Interest).
- 4.2.4 In relation to the SSSI data there were a number of areas that were assessed in the current monitoring year. The assessments in this monitoring year show no change in the condition since the last monitoring year despite a number of recent assessments.
- 4.2.5 In relation to the regional/local designations it is no longer being monitoring by previous local authority and only by the entire Dorset Council area, so a direct

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comparison is not possible. In future years we will compare the baseline across the whole Dorset Council area.

- 4.2.6 The monitoring of policy ENV 2 was not able to be carried in the current monitoring year due to the corona virus lockdown preventing any heathland bird surveys so the latest data available is the previous years monitoring data.
- 4.2.7 Overall a number of policy targets for ENV2, wildlife and habitats have been reached. In terms of the SANGS none have been created yet in this area and will be monitored as soon as the first SANG is created.

Target achieved
 Target not achieved
 Baseline year is monitoring year
 Data not available
 No target set

Monitoring Indicator	Target	WDDC	WPBC
ENV 4 - Heritage Assets		Number of Assests	
Number of designated heritage assets at risk	No net increase	128	
Number of conservation areas with up to date appraisals (assessed every 10 years)	At least 65%	41%	
ENV 5 - Flood Risk		Area (ha)	Area (ha)
Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality.	0	8	12
The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3.	No net increase	11ha	0ha
ENV 7 - Coastal Erosion and Land Instability			
Number of planning applications granted to support roll back in areas of coastal erosion and land instability.	No target set.	0	0

- 4.2.8 The monitoring of the policy on Heritage Assets (ENV 4) shows that the number of heritage assets at risk in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland has slightly increased from 127 to 128 (see Appendix B, Figure B7).
- 4.2.9 The percentage of conservation areas with up to date appraisals across West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland has dropped below the required level with 14 appraisals going out of date in this monitoring year and no new Conservation Area Appraisals adopted in the current monitoring year.
- 4.2.10 There were 20 planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds during the monitoring year 2019/20, with 8 in West Dorset and 12 in Weymouth and Portland.

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4.2.11 In relation to flooding, there has been a small increase in West Dorset in the area of land within the plan area in flood zone 3 by 11ha, whilst in Weymouth and Portland there was no change as shown in figure B9.

Figure B9 - ENV 5: Flood Risk												
Indicator = The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3												
	West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Total approx Plan Area (ha) in Flood Zone 3	3,659	3,831	3,660	3,660	3,595	3,606	433	504	433	433	424	424
Plan Area in Flood Zone 3 (%)	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	10.1%	11.7%	10.1%	10.1%	9.9%	9.9%

Source: Environment Agency (2021)

4.2.12 As part of the new Dorset Local Plan, Dorset Council will be considering the approach to areas at risk from coastal change. Related to these areas, it may be that permissions will be granted to relocate existing buildings to areas at lower risk. So far there have been no permissions granted to facilitate this roll back over the monitoring period.

5 Achieving a Sustainable Pattern of Development

5.1. BACKGROUND

- 5.1.1 The Local Plan identifies sites in the previous local authority areas of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland which are suitable for development for housing and employment purposes. This additional housing and employment land is required to meet the area's needs.
- 5.1.2 As West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland are no longer, up to date figures for West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland are not provided individually. However looking back at previous figures West Dorset experienced a population increases of 11.1% between 2001 and 2018, with a 3.3% population increase in Weymouth and Portland over the same time period. Although both areas had a lower population increase than England & Wales on average (12.9% increase), both areas still showed a population increase and therefore require additional housing and employment areas for the additional population.
- 5.1.3 The most recent population projections² for West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland show a population percentage increase from 2018 to 2041 of 8.46% and 6.21% respectively. This is lower than the anticipated increase in England and Wales as a whole which is expected to be 10.31% between 2018-2041.
- 5.1.4 Unfortunately with the lack of information we are unable to compare the predicted elderly populations across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland individually. However it is clear that both West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland have a significantly higher proportion of people over 65 than England and Wales especially in West Dorset.

Figure 5.2: Population structure in West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland in comparison to England

	WDDC (2018)	%	WDDC (2041)	%	England and Wales (2018)	%	England and Wales (2041)	%
0-15	15,660	15.2%	No data	No data	11,291,119	19.1%		
15-64	55,570	54.1%	No data	No data	36,947,381	62.5%		
65+	31,530	30.7%	No data	No data	10,818,193	18.3%		
Total	102,750	100.0%	111,440	100.0%	59,115,810	100.0%	65,207,900	100.0%

² 2018 SNPP projections

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	WPBC (2016)	%	WPBC (2041)	%	England and Wales (2018)	%	England and Wales (2041)	%
0-14	10,710	16.3%	No data	No data	11,291,119	19.1%		
15-64	38,460	58.4%	No data	No data	36,947,381	62.5%		
65+	16,700	25.4%	No data	No data	10,818,193	18.3%		
Total	65,870	100.0%	69,960	100.0%	59,115,810	100.0%	65,207,900	100.0%

Figure 5.1: Population increase in West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland (Source: <https://apps.geowessex.com/stats/Topics/Topic/Population>)

5.2. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES

Legend:

 Target achieved	 Target not achieved	 Baseline year is monitoring year	 Data not available	 No target set
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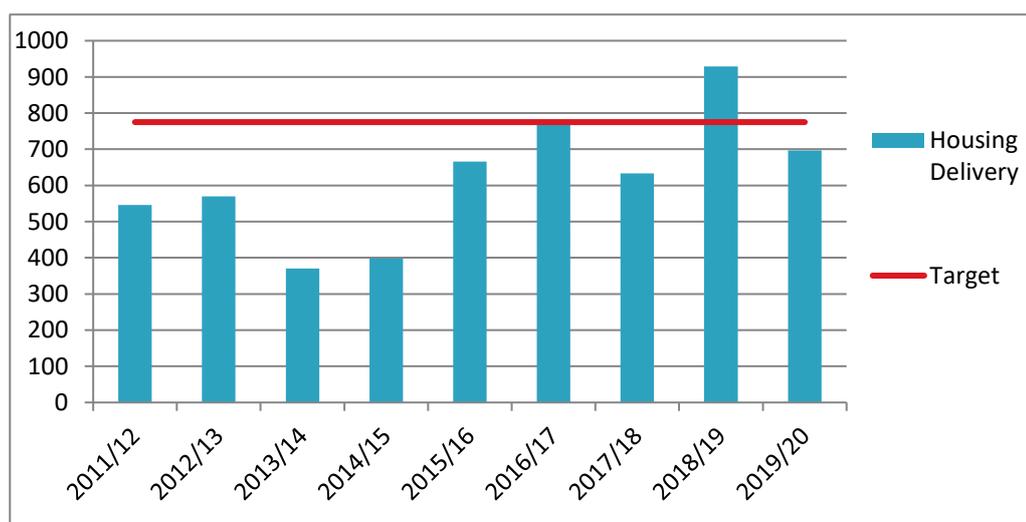
Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC	WPBC
SUS 1 The Level of Economic and Housing Growth	Amount of land developed for employment by type and proportion on allocated sites	3 ha per annum	1.163ha (1,991.6sqm) of floorspace	
	Employment land supply (permissions, allocations and under construction)	At least 60.3ha overall (43.6ha WDDC and 16.7ha WPBC over the current plan period 2011-31)	96.9ha	
	Annual housing completions within the plan area	775 dpa	697	
	Five year supply of housing land within the plan area and by local planning authority area.	5 years	This will be published in a separate report	
SUS 4 Replacement of Buildings Outside the DDB	The number and location of completions for the re-use and replacement of buildings outside the DDB by use	No target set.	37	0
SUS 5 Neighbourhood Development Plans	The number of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders made	No target set.	0	0
	Annual increase in housing land supply as a direct result of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders	No target set.	10.2ha	0ha

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- 5.2.1 None of the monitoring indicators for SUS1 have been met in the current monitoring year. Although the gross completions on key employment sites was 1.163ha there was a total of 1.87ha land lost on key employment sites since the previous monitoring year and 3,539sqm of floorspace being lost to other uses on key employment sites. This resulted in a total net loss of -0.71 on allocated sites however development on non allocated sites did result in a small net gain across the area of West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland of 1.562ha. The overall floorspace developed across the area resulted in a net loss of 1,548sqm on allocated sites, with only a small gain of 710sqm on non allocated sites. This resulted in an overall loss of employment floorspace of - 837.88sqm.
- 5.2.2 The supply of employment land does still exceed the target with a total of good amount of employment land having been permitted. In more detail the total requirement for employment land over the entire plan period (2011-2031) is 60.3ha. Using the application area for employment planning permissions and including completions since 2011, current permissions, commencements and existing allocations there is a total employment land supply of 96.9ha, indicating that land for employment use is available to meet future needs. Purely looking at the future supply of employment land including allocated, permitted and commenced there is a total residual of employment land of 60.4ha.
- 5.2.3 In relation to housing delivery the housing target in the adopted Local Plan is 775 dwellings per annum. Housing delivery this year (697 dwellings completed) falls below the housing target.
- 5.2.4 Figure 5.3 shows the level of completions this year in the context of delivery over the plan period in the figure below.

Figure 5.3: Housing delivery against the target in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland from 2011/12 to 2019/20



Source: Dorset Council 2020

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- 5.2.5 The 5-year housing land supply will be published shortly in a separate document including more detail in the methodology to calculate the figure.
- 5.2.6 In relation to the other monitoring indicators, policy SUS4; there were 37 completions recorded as a result of the change of use or replacement of existing buildings outside the Defined Development Boundary (DDB) in West Dorset, and none were recorded in Weymouth and Portland.
- 5.2.7 In relation to neighbourhood plans, Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan, Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan and Sutton Poyntz Society Neighbourhood Plan were made during the monitoring year. Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan allocated several sites for development within the neighbourhood plan area of which one was allocated to enable a shop, community hub and car parking for the school to come forwards. The Sutton Poyntz Society Neighbourhood Plan focuses on the protection of the local heritage and landscape through more detailed policies. The Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan allocates five sites for housing (including one rural exception site) and an employment allocation.
- 5.2.8 There were no Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right to Build Orders adopted within the plan area during 2019/20.

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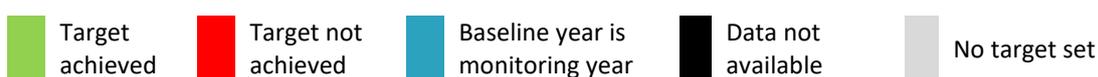
6 Economy

6.1. BACKGROUND

- 6.1.1 Key aims in the adopted Local Plan are to support the local economy to provide opportunities for high quality, better paid jobs and therefore ensure businesses are able to grow and new business are supported.
- 6.1.2 In terms of the proportion of the work force employed in certain sectors, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland have the high proportions of the work force employed in the human health and social work sector (17.3% and 16.7% respectively), as well as in the wholesale / retail trade (13.5% and 16.7% respectively) which aligns with the England and Wales trends. However Weymouth and Portland has a very high proportion of the work force employed in the food and accommodation sector at 18.4% compared to only 11.7% nationally. This is understandable given Weymouth and Portland is a holiday destination and heavily relies on tourism for a large part of the economy so you would expect this to be reflective in the work force. More detail is available on this in appendix A, table A4.
- 6.1.3 Unemployment is based on the percentage of employed people aged 16-64 years. Currently in West Dorset this figure is at 1.2%³, with Weymouth and Portland at 2.2%⁴. The unemployment level nationally is currently at 3.8%⁵, showing West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland is lower than the national average.

6.2. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES (ECONOMY PART 1)

Legend:



Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC (ha) WPBC (ha)
ECON 2 Protection of Key Employment Sites	Area of land granted permission for non employment uses on Key Employment Sites	No target set	1.87ha
ECON 3 Protection of Other Employment Sites	Loss of employment land/premises to non employment uses (total loss to non-employment use)	No target set	2.738ha

³ ONS Figures 2018 (April-September 2018)

⁴ ONS Figures 2018 (July-September 2018)

⁵ ONS Figures 2019 (Seasonally Adjusted)

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6.2.1 The monitoring of the Local Plan’s policies to protect employment sites from development of non-employment uses showed that in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, a total of 2.738ha was lost to non employment uses in 2019/20, with 1.87ha of this development occurring on key employment sites and 0.87ha occurring on unallocated/non designated sites, showing the majority of loss of employment land was on key employment sites. This is a similar increase in relation to the previous year with only 2.742ha being lost in the last monitoring year. This amount of employment land loss goes back to the level seen prior to the adoption of the Local Plan in 2015. A lot of this loss has been as a result of A class uses being permitted on key employment sites and some losses due to permitted development of offices. The following table shows the performance of the policy since adoption.

Figure 6.4: Amount of employment floorspace lost to other uses in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland

WDDC and WPBC	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Area (ha) granted permission	2.25ha	2.74ha	0.31ha	0.27ha	0.13ha	2.742	2.738

Source: Dorset Council 2020

6.2.2 The level of employment land at the allocation stage is generally based on hectares of land, however the completions are measured in actual floorspace delivered. It is therefore important to understand how the area of land allocated interacts with the amount of floorspace delivered, as shown in figure 6.5.

Figure 6.5: Application area completed as floorspace in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland from 2015/16 to 2019/20.

WDDC and WPBC			
Year	Application Area Completed (ha)	Gross additional floorspace (ha)	Percentage of Application area converted to floorspace
19/20	4.300	0.672	15.630%
18/19	7.000	1.150	16.429%
17/18	7.650	1.008	13.176%
16/17	2.290	0.400	17.467%
15/16	5.041	1.051	20.857%

Source: Dorset Council 2020

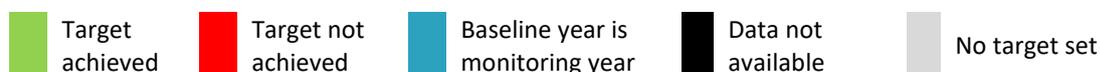
6.2.3 The amount of floorspace delivered in comparison to the application area has changed over time with the trend pointing to less floorspace being completed in comparison to the total application area.

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6.3. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES (ECONOMY PART 2)

Legend:



Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC (ha)	WPBC (ha)
ECON 4* Retail and Town Centre Development	Map of primary and secondary frontage in use by retail, town centre and other uses	No more than 25% non retail uses in the primary frontages, and no more than 25% retail and other non town centre uses in secondary frontages	18.3% (Primary)	13% (Primary)
			27.5% (Secondary)	25.2% (Secondary)
	Amount of proposed retail development each year and amount located in town centres	No target set	0m ²	-872.5m ²
ECON 7 Caravan and Camping Sites	Planning applications approved in the heritage coast for the development of new/extensions to existing caravan and campsites	No target set	3	0

*No additional data for 2019/20 due to site visits being cancelled as a result of COVID-19

- 6.3.1 The surveying of primary and secondary frontages in town centre locations (ECON 4) for the monitoring of Retail and Town Centre Development was done in 2018. The testing including assessing the town centres of Dorchester and Lyme Regis in West Dorset in detail and the town centre of Weymouth for Weymouth and Portland. Due to COVID restrictions this retail assessment has not been able to be carried out in the current monitoring year so there is no more up to date evidence available.
- 6.3.2 The 25% threshold in policy ECON4 aims for less than 25% of all primary and secondary frontages in town centres to be used for uses other than retail. The results show the average of non retail uses in the primary shopping area in West Dorset is below the threshold of 25%, with 18.3% of frontages being for non retail uses. This is a significant increase from last year which showed only 6.2% (see monitoring report 2016-17 available on the dorsetforyou website). However this is likely to be due to a higher percentage of vacant units, with 7.4% of frontages in Dorchester being vacant. In relation to Weymouth and Portland, the figure has changed little from the previous monitoring year (12.3%), showing only 13% of the frontages in the primary shopping area are for other non retail uses.

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- 6.3.3 In relation to the secondary frontages both West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland have gone just over the 25% threshold with 27.5% of frontages in West Dorset being for non retail uses and 25.2% in Weymouth and Portland. In Dorchester this is mostly a result of the higher number of vacant units with 12% of frontage being vacant. In West Dorset this shows a significant increase on the previous year, which was 7% of frontages used for no retail uses. In relation to Weymouth and Portland, this is similar to the figure from the previous year which showed 21.7%. It is likely this increase is partly due to changes of retail to residential uses with over 7% of secondary frontages being residential in the secondary frontages.
- 6.3.4 The second indicator for policy ECON 4 showed that planning permissions relating to A class floorspace in town centres have resulted in a net loss of A class floorspace Weymouth and Portland with no change in West Dorset. The permitted loss of A class floorspace totalled 872.5m in Weymouth and Portland with the majority of this loss due to A class uses being replaced with dwellings.
- 6.3.5 The monitoring of policy ECON 7 (Caravan and Camping Sites) showed that in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland there were 3 proposals for extensions to, or development of new, caravan and camping sites within the Heritage Coast. More information on the applications is available in appendix b, figure B20a

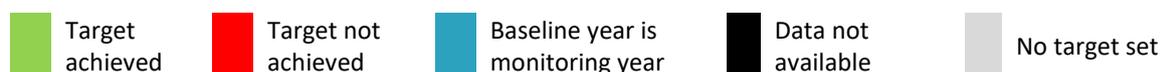
7 Housing

7.0. BACKGROUND

- 7.0.1 One of the key strategic objectives in the adopted Local Plan is to meet local housing needs for all. To meet this strategic objective across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland it is important to take into account the increased housing demands arising from the changing demographic and social needs, to deliver affordable housing to meet the needs of local people and provide a range of house sizes and types to meet requirements.
- 7.0.2 The median average house price in West Dorset in 2019 (£290,000⁶) was significantly higher than in the South West (£252,000⁵) and in England and Wales (£235,000⁵). Whilst average house prices were lower in Weymouth & Portland (£225,000) than average prices across the South West and similar to those in England and Wales as a whole.
- 7.0.3 In addition to median house prices it is important to understand the relationship of house prices to earnings, and therefore the affordability of housing in the Local Authority area. The affordability ratio for 2019 (the most up-to-date data available) shows median house price to median income in 2019 in West Dorset was 10.58 and 8.56 in Weymouth & Portland. In West Dorset this is a slight decrease than the 2017 ratio of 10.90 but a significant increase in Weymouth and Portland from the 2017 figure of 7.93. However both ratios are still significantly higher than the national average of 7.70 in England and Wales.

7.1. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES

Legend:



Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC	WPBC
HOUS 1 Affordable Housing	The number of affordable housing units by size and tenure secured on-site through open market housing development, and the level of financial contribution secured towards delivery of affordable housing.	25% affordable housing secured in Portland and 35% secured in Weymouth and West Dorset	23%	13%
	The amount of money collected for affordable housing development schemes.	No target set	£tbc	£tbc

⁶ ONS (Dataset 9)

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Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC	WPBC
HOUS 2 Affordable Housing Exception Sites	The number of affordable housing units completed on exception sites.	No target set.	33	0

- 7.1.1 The Local Plan (2015) includes a split affordable housing policy for the previous Local Authority areas of West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, with 35% affordable housing sought on residential development sites in Weymouth and West Dorset and 25% affordable housing sought on Portland.
- 7.1.2 During 2019/20; 141 affordable housing units were secured through open market development. This included 27 affordable dwellings in Weymouth and Portland (13% of completions in Weymouth and Portland) and 114 affordable dwellings in West Dorset secured through open market development (24% of completions in West Dorset). In addition, 33 affordable housing units were completed on exception sites in the previous Local Authority area of West Dorset. Including the affordable units provided on the exception sites, a total of 171 affordable dwellings were completed in 2019/20 across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, totalling 25% of the total delivery across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.
- 7.1.3 Although affordable housing delivery falls below the set target it is partly a result of the affordable housing threshold. This results in development sites of 10 units or less not being required to provide affordable housing onsite under national policy. There is however, an exception that housing developments in a rural designated area must provide a financial contribution to affordable housing on sites of between 5-10 units. As there is a high proportion of sites delivered (especially across West Dorset) in rural locations that provide 10 units or less, it results in a lower affordable housing percentage delivered overall.

7.2. SELF BUILD

- 7.2.1 Relevant authorities are required to keep a register of individuals and associations who are seeking to acquire serviced plots of land in the authority's area for self build and custom housebuilding (referred to as the Self-build Register). Relevant authorities have a duty to have regard to the register that relates to their area when carrying out their planning, housing, land disposal and regeneration functions.
- 7.2.2 The West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland Self-build Registers were launched on 1 April 2016 and ran until the 1 April 2019 (the formation of Dorset Council). For practical reasons Dorset Council has continued to hold West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland self build registers until October 2020, when all former District area registers could finally be combined into a single Dorset Council register. The number of individuals on the self build registers are included in figures 7.6 and 7.7 below.

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Figure 7.6: Individuals on the self build register in West Dorset (2016-2020)

Base Period	New additions	Residual from previous period	Total requirement for period	New permissions	Residual requirement at end of period (oversupply is negative)
Period 1 (1 April 2016 to 30 October 2016)	56	N/A	56	97	-41
Period 2 (31 October 2016 to 30 October 2017)	65	-41	24	73	-49
Period 3 (31 October 2017 to 30 October 2018)	102	-49	53	102	-49
Period 4 (31 October 2018 to 30 October 2019)	125	-49	76	87	-11
Period 5 (31 October 2019 to 30 October 2020)	151	-11	140	81	59

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Weymouth & Portland

Figure 7.7: Individuals on the self build register in Weymouth and Portland (2016-2020)

Base Period	New additions	Residual from previous period	Total requirement for period	New permissions	Residual requirement at end of period (oversupply is negative)
Period 1 (1 April 2016 to 30 October 2016)	28	N/A	28	26	2
Period 2 (31 October 2016 to 30 October 2017)	27	2	29	30	-1
Period 3 (31 October 2017 to 30 October 2018)	63	-2	61	24	37
Period 4 (31 October 2018 to 30 October 2019)	66	37	103	39	64
Period 5 (31 October 2019 to 30 October 2020)	92	64	156	29	127

Source: Dorset Council 2020

- 7.2.3 There was one application to the self build register in 2016/17 from a self build group in West Dorset and no applications were received within the Weymouth & Portland area.

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- 7.2.4 Amendments to the Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 by the Housing and Planning Act 2016 now place a second duty on relevant authorities to grant suitable permissions on serviced plots of land to meet the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding arising in each 'base period'
- 7.2.5 The demand for self build and custom housebuilding arising in an authority's area in a base period is the demand as evidenced by the number of people on the self-build register kept by the authority. The first base period runs between 1 April – 30 October 2016 and each subsequent base period is the following 12 months. The time allowed for an authority to comply with the duty is the period of 3 years beginning immediately after the end of the first base period i.e. by 30 October 2019.
- 7.2.6 The primary objective of the self-build register is to record demand for self-build and custom housebuilding so that sufficient serviced plots of land can be brought forward. New mechanisms for 'serviced plot' delivery are currently being explored through the Dorset Council Local Plan. As an interim measure the Council will use single plot permissions to evidence the supply of plots.

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8 Community Needs and Infrastructure

8.1. BACKGROUND

8.1.1 The Local Plan aims to provide the facilities and infrastructure required by communities in West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland. Safe and easy access to good services is critical to healthcare, education and general well-being. The provision of utilities such as water and energy are also important, both in terms of health and building a strong economy.

8.2. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES

Legend:

 Target achieved	 Target not achieved	 Baseline year is monitoring year	 Data not available	 No target set
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Policy	Monitoring Indicator	Local Plan target	WDDC	WPBC
COM 2 New or Improved Local Community Buildings & Structures	The number of new community facilities available within the plan area	No target set	25	3
COM 3 The Retention of Local Community Buildings and Structures	Number of approved applications for change of use from shops, garages, public houses and community buildings to other non-community uses.	No net loss	-2	-5
COM 5 The Retention of Open Space and Recreational Facilities	Number of approved applications for the development or change of use of open space, including playing fields, recreational areas and allotments	No target set	3	0
COM 11 Renewable Energy Development	Annual energy generation by installed capacity and type	Net increase	No info	No info

8.2.1 In relation to COM 2 there have been 25 applications for additional or extensions to different community buildings/structures in West Dorset. In Weymouth and Portland there were 3 applications for additional or extensions to community assets.

8.2.2 The monitoring showed that the policy on the Retention of Local Community Buildings and Structures (COM 3) in the Local Plan has been generally successful in preventing the loss of community buildings and structures in West Dorset as there was a loss of only 2 assets resulting in a net gain of community assets. However in Weymouth and Portland there was a loss of 5 community facilities resulting in a net loss of 3 community assets.

8.2.3 In relation to COM 5, there were 3 applications approved for additional open space and/or recreational facilities in West Dorset but none in Weymouth and Portland.

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- 8.2.4 There is no new renewable energy data available at this time and the figures are included from last years data.

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9 Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring Indicators

- 9.0.1 The following section assesses the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) monitoring indicators. The main purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to ensure that the key environmental, social and economic issues are considered throughout the development of the Local Plan, with the goal of achieving sustainable development through the planning system.
- 9.0.2 The following indicators included in the SA are listed in the sections below. These indicators support the policies in the adopted Local Plan 2015 and ensure the sustainable approaches in the adopted plan are proving effective.

9.1. LONGER TERM LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY

9.1.1 The SA aims to ensure that development allocated does not damage the environment and therefore monitoring the loss of biodiversity can assess the strength of adopted policies the in the Local Plan. This is monitored by assessing the state of nationally designated areas which are monitored by Natural England. This includes the assessment of SSSIs which although aren't monitored annually gives a representation if sites are generally improving or declining. In total there are 52 SSSIs in West Dorset and and 9 in Weymouth and Portland that have been monitored covering a total area of 4,604 hectares.

9.1.2 Since the previous monitoring year no area of SSSI has changed into a different category even though a number of areas have been assessed since the previous monitoring year.

Figure 9.1: Current condition of SSSI's in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland - 2019/20 (no change since last year)

	Destroyed (ha)	Part Destroyed (ha)	Unfavourable Declining (ha)	Un-favourable no change (ha)	Un-favourable Recovering (ha)	Favourable (ha)	Total (ha)
WDDC 16/17	0	0	195.66	121.28	804.35	1,777.69	2,899
WDDC 17/18	0	0	195.66	121.28	804.35	1,777.69	2,899
WDDC 18/19	0	0	123.68	121.28	876.86	1,781.20	2,903
WDDC 19/20	0	0	123.68	121.28	876.86	1,781.20	2,903
WDDC 19/20 (%) Total	0.00%	0.00%	4.26%	4.18%	30.21%	61.36%	100%
WPBC 16/17	0.95	1.03	38.37	119.77	464.86	1,004.79	1,630

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WPBC 17/18	0.95	1.03	179.61	119.77	464.86	863.52	1,630
WPBC 18/19	0.95	1.03	251.24	138.24	446.39	863.52	1,701
WPBC 19/20	0.95	1.03	251.24	138.24	446.39	863.52	1,701
WPBC 19/20 (%) Total	0.06%	0.06%	14.77%	8.13%	26.24%	50.75%	100%

Source: Natural England

9.1.3 The monitoring of the sites by Natural England shows there has been a number of areas assessed in this annual monitoring year. The largest area monitored is in a favourable condition (61.36%) across West Dorset and (50.75%) Weymouth & Portland. The biggest change in West Dorset is the decrease in the area of SSSI in an 'unfavourable and declining' condition with a decrease from 6.75% (2017/18) to 4.26% (2018/19). This has resulted in an increase in the area of SSSI moving to an 'unfavourable recovering' condition from 27.75% in 2017/18 to 30.21% in 2018/19 which shows a positive change in West Dorset. Unfortunately in Weymouth and Portland the largest change has been an increase in the amount of SSSI moving into the 'unfavourable declining' category with 11.02% in 2017/18 increasing to 15.4% in 2018/19. There has also been a small decrease in the area of SSSI in the 'unfavourable no change' and 'unfavourable recovering' category, decreasing by 3.26% and 1.13% respectively. Overall in Weymouth and Portland the area in the 'favourable' category has remained constant since the previous monitoring year, however the level of decline in one monitoring year in Weymouth and Portland is worrying.

9.2. IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT UPON INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE DESIGNATIONS

9.2.1 The following indicator assesses the impact on international designations. International designations include SAC (Special Area of Conservation), SPA (Special Protection Area) and Ramsar Sites.

9.2.2 The table below shows the changes in area of internationally designated sites from 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Figure 9.2: Total area designated for international environmental designations in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland - 2014/15 - 2019/20

Ecological designation	Year	West Dorset			Weymouth & Portland		
		Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha)	Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha)
				compared with 16/17			compared with 16/17
	14/15	2,563	2.36%		625	14.50%	
	15/16	2,557	2.32%		624	14.50%	

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International (SAC, SPA, Ramsar)	16/17	3,470	3.20%		676	15.80%	
	17/18	3,348	3.09%		676	15.80%	
	18/19	3,523	3.25%		676	15.80%	
	19/20	3,705	3.42%	182	677	15.79%	0.4

Source: Natural England (See figure A8 for more detail)

- 9.2.3 Overall the total area designated internationally has increased in West Dorset since 2018/19 with an increase shown of 182ha. In Weymouth and Portland there was a small increase of 0.4ha.
- 9.2.4 Another way of assessing the quality of a designation is to assess the presence of certain species. For example the presence of certain heathland birds (in this case at Winfrith and Tadnoll) is a way of monitoring the quality of the heathland. Normally heathland bird surveys are done annually, however as a result of the corona virus lockdown in 2020 no heathland bird surveys were carried out, therefore no new data has been provided for the current monitoring year.

Figure 9.3: Numbers of 3 species of heathland birds recorded on Winfrith and Tadnoll heath.

Species	Number of Birds (Winfrith and Tadnoll)					
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Dartford Warbler	17	18	15	14	10	12
Nightjar	22	12	16	19	21	25
Woodlark	0	1	0	0	0	0

Source: Natural England (See figure A8 for more detail)

- 9.2.5 As shown in the table above the, the numbers of Dartford Warblers and Nightjars have slightly recovered in 2018/19 in comparison to figures in 2017/18. Woodlark populations in West Dorset have not shown any indication of recovering with still no individuals recorded on Winfrith and Tadnoll heath. However this is a difficult measure to understand the health of the heathland in West Dorset.

9.3. RIVER QUALITY

- 9.3.1 A number of allocations made in the adopted Local Plan, especially in Bridport are close to or adjacent to rivers, therefore it is important to monitor the quality of the rivers to assess any impact from development.
- 9.3.2 The following table shows the change in river quality in the water bodies in Dorset as a whole from 2015. Overall it does show some small improvements in ecological status or potential since 2016 however the chemical status is worsening significantly with all 68 rivers now failing.

Figure 9.4: River Quality as a whole in Dorset 2015 - 2019

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	Number of water bodies	Ecological status or potential				Chemical status		
		Bad	Poor	Moderate	Good	High	Fail	Good
2019	68	6	17	33	12	0	68	0
2016	68	9	18	28	13	0	0	68
2015	68	9	16	30	13	0	0	68

Source: Environment Agency (<http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/OperationalCatchment/3528>)

9.3.3 As the main focus of river quality is on the Bridport catchment the four main catchment areas have been looked into in more detail. The four main catchment areas include Asker, Upper Brit, Mangerton Brook, Simene. The four catchment area maps are shown in Appendix B, figure 30.

Figure 9.5: River Quality in the rivers in Bridport 2013-2019

Asker	2013 (Cycle 1)	2013 (Cycle 2)	2014 (Cycle 1)	2014 (Cycle 2)	2015 (Cycle 2)	2016 (Cycle 2)	2019 (Cycle 2)	Objectives
Overall Water Body	Moderate	Moderate	Poor	Moderate	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good by 2021
Ecological	Moderate	Moderate	Poor	Moderate	Poor	Poor	Poor	Good by 2021
Chemical	Not required	Good	Not required	Good	Good	Good	Fail	Good by 2015

Upper Brit	2013 (Cycle 1)	2013 (Cycle 2)	2014 (Cycle 1)	2014 (Cycle 2)	2015 (Cycle 2)	2016 (Cycle 2)	2019 (Cycle 2)	Objectives
Overall Water Body	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good by 2015
Ecological	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good by 2015
Chemical	Not required	Good	Not required	Good	Good	Good	Fail	Good by 2015

Mangerton Brook	2013 (Cycle 1)	2013 (Cycle 2)	2014 (Cycle 1)	2014 (Cycle 2)	2015 (Cycle 2)	2016 (Cycle 2)	2019 (Cycle 2)	Objectives
Overall Water Body	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Good	Good	Good	Moderate	Good by 2027

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Ecological	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good by 2027
Chemical	Not required	Good	Not required	Good	Good	Good	Fail	Good by 2015

Simene	2013 (Cycle 1)	2013 (Cycle 2)	2014 (Cycle 1)	2014 (Cycle 2)	2015 (Cycle 2)	2016 (Cycle 2)	2019 (Cycle 2)	Objectives
Overall Water Body	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good by 2027
Ecological	Good	Moderate	Good	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Good by 2027
Chemical	Not required	Good	Not required	Good	Good	Good	Fail	Good by 2015

(Source: Environment Agency (<http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/OperationalCatchment/3528>))

9.3.4 The above tables show that all the rivers within Bridport (and Dorset as a whole) now fall into the fail category in relation to chemical water quality. However this is likely due to this type of chemical testing not being done since 2014.

9.3.5 In the Asker ecological water quality has declined from Moderate to Poor between 2013 to 2019. The chemical water quality in the Asker has also declined now in the fail category. The status has failed due to the presence of priority hazardous substances (more information is available on the Environment Agency website). This reason for failing on chemical water quality is the same across the other catchments around Bridport.

9.3.6 The water quality in the Upper Brit river and catchment area has recently dropped to moderate after previously remaining in the good category since 2013 for both ecological and chemical water quality. The Mangerton Brook river and catchment has also recently fallen back into the moderate category.

9.3.7 The Simene river and catchment area has moved from good quality to moderate quality in terms of ecological quality from 2013 to 2019.

9.4. AIR QUALITY

9.4.1 The Sustainability Appraisal highlighted that under the EU Air Quality Framework Directive the objective is to maintain ambient air quality where it is classified as good, and improve it in other cases with respect to sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and oxides of nitrogen,

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particulate matters and lead. The framework sets European wide Limits, which form the basis of the national air quality objectives in national legislation⁷.

9.4.2 To ensure that air quality improves in areas of higher pollution levels in the areas previously known as West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland. Two areas were designated in West Dorset as Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA). These include Dorchester along High West/High East Street and in Chideock. Although Bridport is included in the table below it is not technically included as an AQMA, however in the past it has had some high levels of pollution in the centre so it has also been included in the monitoring.

9.4.3 The following results in the table show the yearly averages of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) at seven different locations in Dorchester, Bridport and Chideock. The most recent EU air quality standards deemed that the year average should not exceed 40µg/m³.

Figure 9.6: Air Quality results in the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) across West Dorset (2011-2020)

Monitoring Site	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2020
Dorchester								
High West Street (711)	38.7	38.4	40.1	38.2	34.4	34.2	36.6	35.4
High East Street (714)	42.1	42.3	37.5	46.7	38.4	37.9	37	30.3
Bridport								
East Road (717)	43.1	43.7	43.1	41.7	42.7	47.6	44.2	31.8
East Road (730)	57.5	56.6	64.6	58.5	53.0	51.5	46.4	33.8
Chideock								
Duck Street (724)	45.8	45.2	42.9	36.7	36.7	47.7	41.9	26.0
Village Hall (726)	50.5	49.5	45.4	41.8	39.2	47.8	40.9	28.2
Main Street (727)	51.5	53.3	55.3	53.0	50.0	58.9	56.5	38.3

Source: Dorset Council 2020 Air Quality data (ASR)⁸ – based on a mean average of the monthly data.

9.4.4 The results in the table above show the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) from 2011 to 2020. The results show that the NO₂ levels across all the monitoring areas in West Dorset have remained below the required 40µg/m³ as identified by EU standards. Levels have fallen in 2020 across all the monitoring areas. For more detailed information please see the results published on the Dorset Council website. Details on the methodology of the testing can be found in the; 'LAQM Annual Status Report 2018'⁷.

9.5. ACCESS TO SERVICES AND FACILITIES

⁷ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/quality/standards.htm>

⁸ <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/documents/air-quality-report-2018-west-dorset.pdf>

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- 9.5.1 Another monitoring indicator highlighted in the SA includes the percentage of developments within 30 minutes of key services and facilities. This data was originally provided by Dorset County Council however due to lack of resources this is now not able to be provided.
- 9.5.2 It is hoped that with LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) this data will be available in future. Previously data was monitoring in West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and whereby the key services and facilities were split into sections including access to medical facilities (including GP surgeries, Hospitals and Hospices), access to schools (including primary, secondary and higher education), access to other facilities (including supermarkets, larger convenience shops and train stations). The access to the facilities was then tested using a 5 mile radius for each section.
- 9.5.3 However pressure on resources means this type of internal assessment was not undertaken this year. This monitoring indicator is an important assessment of sustainability of new housing and the long term monitoring of this indicator will be assessed after LGR in April 2019.

9.6. ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- 9.6.1 Delivering enough affordable housing in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland is a significant issue with lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland well above the average for the South West and England and Wales as a whole (as stated above in paragraph 7.0.3 and in figure 7.1).
- 9.6.2 The following table shows the number of affordable homes delivered on exception sites since 2013/14 to 2019/20, in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland which has increased every year in West Dorset since 2015/16 to the highest level since 2015.

Figure 9.7: Affordable homes completed on exception sites in WDDC and WPBC.

WDDC (Affordable homes completed on Exception sites)						WPBC (Affordable homes completed on Exception sites)					
14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
60	6	8	15	8	33	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020

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Appendix A: Data on the Characteristics of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland

No. of Dwellings		West Dorset	Weymouth & Portland	Dorset
	2011	49,319	30,997	194,944
	2014	50,327	31,548	198,064
	2015	50,575	31,695	199,026
	2016	51,040	31,901	200,465
	2017	51,643	32,070	201,787
	2018	52,064	32,282	203,115
	2019	52,704	32,571	204,816
	Projection to 2041	61,300	36,000	238,800

Source: ONS Council Tax: Stock of properties 2019/DCC projections 2018

Number of people in employment by sector in 2019 (please note that this data on the mining and quarrying, and electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply industries is unavailable due to confidentiality)		West Dorset	Weymouth & Portland	Dorset
	Employees	52000	18000	163,000
	Total agriculture	1250 (2.4%)	40 (0.2%)	1.8%
	Mining and Quarrying	10 (0.02%)	10 (0.1%)	0.14%
	Manufact'ng	4500 (8.7%)	700 (3.9%)	10.4%
	Electricity, Gas, Steam etc	10 (0.02%)	0 (0%)	0.1%
	Water waste sewerage etc	350 (0.7%)	150 (0.8%)	0.8%
	Construction	3000 (5.8%)	800 (4.2%)	6.1%
	Wholesale / retail trade; motor repair	7000 (13.5%)	3000 (16.7%)	16%
	Transport and storage	500 (1.0%)	450 (2.5%)	2.2%
	Accom'dtion and food	6000 (11.5%)	3500 (18.4%)	11.7%
	Information and comms	1000 (1.9%)	250 (1.4%)	2.8%
	Financial & insurance activities	500 (1%)	200 (1.1%)	2%
	Real estate activities	800 (1.5%)	175 (1.0%)	3.4%
	Professional, scientific & technical	6000 (11.5%)	1250 (6.9%)	12.2%

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	Admin and support services	2250 (4.3%)	600 (3.3%)	6.9%
	Public admin & defence; social security	4500 (7.7%)	800 (4.4%)	1.1%
	Education	4500 (8.7%)	2000 (11.1%)	2.1%
	Human health and social work	9000 (17.3%)	3000 (16.7%)	4.9%
	Arts, entertainment & recreation	1950 (3.8%)	1100 (6.1%)	3.2%

Source: Data provided by ONS (figures updated 2018)

Figure A3 - Environment

Ecological designation	Year	West Dorset			Weymouth & Portland		
		Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha) compared with 18/19	Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha) compared with 18/19
International (SAC, SPA, Ramsar)	14/15	2,563.0	2.36%		625.0	14.50%	
	15/16	2,557.0	2.32%		624.0	14.50%	
	16/17	3,470.0	3.20%		676.0	15.80%	
	17/18	3,348.0	3.09%		676.0	15.80%	
	18/19	3,523.4	3.25%		676.6	15.78%	
	19/20	3,705.0	3.42%	182.0	677.0	15.79%	0.4
National (SSSI)	14/15	3,646.0	3.36%		803.0	18.70%	
	15/16	3,647.0	3.36%		803.0	18.70%	
	16/17	3,630.0	3.35%		799.3	18.64%	
	17/18	3,627.0	3.35%		799.3	18.64%	
	18/19	3,638.0	3.36%		799.3	18.64%	
	19/20	3,638.0	3.36%	0.0	799.7	18.65%	0.4
Regional (SNCI)	14/15	5,051.0	4.65%		111.0	2.60%	
	15/16	5,097.0	4.69%		111.0	2.60%	
	16/17	5,089.0	4.69%		111.0	2.60%	
	17/18	5,089.0	4.69%		111.0	2.60%	
	18/19	5,064.8	4.67%		106.1	2.47%	
	19/20	5,064.8	4.67%	0.0	106.1	2.47%	0.0
All	14/15	11,260.0	10.39%		1539.0	35.89%	

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	15/16	11,301. 0	10.42%		1538.0	35.87%	
	16/17	12,189. 0	11.24%		1586.3	36.99%	
	17/18	12,064. 0	11.13%		1586.3	36.99%	
	18/19	12,226. 2	11.28%		1582.1	36.90%	
	19/20	12,407. 8	11.44%	182	1,582.8	36.91%	1

Source: Natural England, Dorset Council 2020

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Appendix B: Data on Monitoring Indicators

Figure B1 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats							
Indicator = condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) sites (2019/20)							
West Dorset SSSI 's assessment description figures by Area (ha)							
Site	Destroyed	Part Destroyed	Unfavourable Declining	Unfavourable no change	Unfavourable Recovering	Favourable	Date of Latest survey
Abbotsbury Blind Lane						0.19	05/03/12
Abbotsbury Castle					34.89		30/10/12
Aunt Mary's Bottom						8.51	13/06/11
Babylon Hill						1.84	13/12/18
Batcombe Down			16.07			2.42	07/06/13
Black Hill Down					19.12	40.45	19/03/13
Blackdown(Hardy Monument)					2.30	19.54	20/10/11
Bracket's Copp & Ryewater Farm				1.55	21.00	31.01	26/03/13
Bradford Abbas Railway cutting						1.38	13/12/18
Burton Bradstock						0.10	05/03/12
Chalbury Hill and Quarry			10.42			1.55	05/09/11
Conegar Road cutting						0.15	15/01/09
Corton Cutting						0.24	05/03/12
Court Farm Sydling						83.16	21/06/13
Crookhill Brick Pit						4.71	25/03/09
Drakenorth			20.87		2.59	2.75	07/09/12
Eggardon Hill and Luccas Farm			5.06		8.38	130.92	13/08/11
Frogden Quarry						0.19	11/03/15
Frome St Quintin					23.98	8.67	17/01/19

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Giant Hill					42.78	41.00	01/04/14
Goathill Quarry						0.26	08/03/12
Halfway House Quarry			0.87				05/11/10
Haydon and Askerswell Down			35.87		27.26	44.26	25/03/13
Hog Cliff					0.49	85.75	21/06/13
Holnest						54.82	28/10/10
Holway Hill Quarry						0.11	25/02/09
Horn Park Quarry						2.67	27/01/09
Lambert's Castle			2.90	2.29	64.82	39.22	18/08/14
Langford Meadow					7.9		10/06/10
Low's Hill Quarry				0.94			11/03/15
Lyscombe and Highdon					16.78	66.13	25/07/19
Mapperton and Poorton Vales			20.72	18.30	29.02	17.17	29/01/14
Melbury Park				6.68	98.33	154.39	30/05/12
Morcombelake				11.70	2.93	8.31	22/10/19
Peashill Quarry						0.44	15/01/09
Pitcombe Down					2.12	10.99	12/05/11
Powerstock Common and Wytherston Fm			1.56	20.58	82.51	57.04	29/01/14
Poxwell						0.44	07/09/11
Rampisham Down					71.98		20/09/19
River Axe (West Dorset Section)			0.19				08/12/10

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River Frome (West Dorset section)			5.65	40.74	7.21		22/10/10
Sandford Lane Quarry						0.75	08/03/12
South Dorset Coast*				2.08	8.15	131.74	12/03/15
Sydling Valley Downs						73.99	28/06/13
Toller Porcorum			2.30		143.99	58.02	26/03/13
Trill Quarry						1.40	20/01/09
Valley of Stones						80.39	01/06/11
Warmwell Heath			1.20	5.30	49.26		29/11/10
West Dorset Coast				11.12	106.71	480.66	17/02/14
Whetley Meadows					1.07	7.02	08/06/11
Woolcombe						18.11	17/11/10
Wootton Fitzpaine					1.29	8.34	02/12/19
TOTAL 19/20	0	0	123.68	121.28	876.86	1,781.2	n/a
TOTAL 18/19	0	0	123.68	121.28	876.86	1,781.2	n/a
TOTAL 17/18	0	0	195.66	121.28	804.35	1,777.69	n/a

Source: Natural England 2021

Figure B2 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats							
Indicator = condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) sites							
Weymouth and Portland SSSI 's assessment description figures by Area (ha)							
Site	Destroyed	Part Destroyed	Unfavourable Declining	Unfavourable no change	Unfavourable Recovering	Favourable	Date of Latest survey
Lodmoor					38.74	36.15	18/08/10
Chesil and Fleet			218.4		113.83	650.93	01/05/19

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Weymouth and Portland SSSI 's assessment description figures by Area (ha)							
Site	Destroyed	Part Destroyed	Unfavourable Declining	Unfavourable no change	Unfavourable Recovering	Favourable	Date of Latest survey
Isle of Portland	0.95		31.97	23.72	165.52	129.89	15/03/12
Lorton					15.25	6.08	21/10/10
Nicodemus Heights			0.87			6.92	09/06/10
Portland Harbour Shore		1.03		6.17		20.88	03/05/13
Radipole Lake				16.87	79.08		15/03/12
Upwey Quarries & Bincombe Down				1.40		5.10	25/02/14
White Horse Hill				18.47	33.97	7.57	05/09/19
Total 19/20	0.95	1.03	251.24	138.24	446.39	863.52	n/a
Total 18/19	0.95	1.03	251.24	138.24	446.39	863.52	n/a
Total 17/18	0.95	1.03	179.61	119.77	464.86	863.52	n/a
Total (16/17)	0.95	1.03	38.37	119.77	464.86	1,004.79	n/a

Source: Natural England 2021

Figure B3 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats							
Indicator = condition of Designated Sites (regional/local sites)							
SNCIs & RIGS W&P	Number of sites at March 19 (year 11)	Number of sites at March 09 (baseline) % increase	Baseline 2009		Year 11 - 2019		% increase against Baseline
			Number qualify	% qualify	Number qualify	% qualify	
W&P	37	34	16	47.06	29	78.38	31.32
WD	623	600	340	56.67	458	73.52	16.85
ALL DORSET INCL BoP & BBC	1381	1330	629	47.29	925	66.98	19.69

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Source: DERC 2019 (No longer reported by district only by Dorset Council)

Figure B4 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats							
Indicator = Heathland bird population (at Winfrith and Tadnoll in 2017/18)							
Species	Number of Birds						
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Dartford Warbler	13	17	18	15	14	10	12
Nightjar	18	22	12	16	19	21	25
Woodlark	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Source: RSPB (2019) – no new data available

Figure B5 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats	
Indicator = Visitor numbers to protected heathland sites.	
	2019/20
Number of visitors to the SANGs	SANGS yet to be implemented

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B6 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats	
Indicator = Visitor numbers to SANGs following implementation.	
	2019/20
Number of visitors to the SANGs	SANGS yet to be implemented

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B7 - ENV 4: Heritage Assets									
Indicator = Number of designated heritage assets at risk									
	West Dorset				Total	Weymouth and Portland			Total
	Conservation Areas/Park Garden	Listed Buildings	Scheduled Monuments	Total		Conservation Areas/Park Garden	Listed Buildings	Scheduled Monuments	
2014	0	15	118	133	1	3	4	8	
2015	0	15	118	133	1	3	4	8	
2016	1	14	105	120	1	3	4	8	
2017	1	12	106	119	1	2	5	8	
2018	1	14	111	126	1	3	3	7	

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2019	1	10	109	120	1	3	3	7
2020	1	11	107	119	1	3	5	9

Source: Historic England '2020 Heritage at Risk Register' (South West)

Figure B8 - ENV 5: Flood Risk
Indicator = Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality

Application Number	Date	Local Authority	Description
WD/D/18/002978	2020	Dorset Council - West	Other - Minor
WD/D/19/001278	2020	Dorset Council - West	Infrastructure - Minor
WD/D/19/001662	2020	Dorset Council - West	Educational Institutions - Major
WD/D/19/001757	2020	Dorset Council - West	Residential - Minor
WD/D/19/002545	2020	Dorset Council - West	Residential - Minor
WD/D/19/002920	2020	Dorset Council - West	Other - Minor
WD/D/19/003017	2020	Dorset Council - West	Residential - Minor
WD/D/20/000177	2020	Dorset Council - West	Residential - Minor
WP/19/00118/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Major
WP/19/00210/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Other - Minor
WP/19/00298/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Other - Minor
WP/19/00299/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor
WP/19/00396/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Other - Minor
WP/19/00480/OUT	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor
WP/19/00593/OUT	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor
WP/19/00708/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Other - Major
WP/19/00750/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Other - Major
WP/19/00988/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor

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WP/19/01018/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor
WP/20/00082/FUL	2020	Dorset Council - Weymouth	Residential - Minor

Source: Environment Agency (2020)

Figure B9 - ENV 5: Flood Risk

Indicator = The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3

	West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Total approx Plan Area (ha) in Flood Zone 3	3,659	3,831	3,660	3,660	3,595	3,606	433	504	433	433	424	424
Plan Area in Flood Zone 3 (%)	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	10.1%	11.7%	10.1%	10.1%	9.9%	9.9%

Source: Environment Agency (2021)

Figure B10 - ENV 7: Coastal Erosion and Land Instability

Indicator – Number of planning applications granted to support roll back in areas of coastal erosion and land instability

West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B12 - SUS 1: The Level of Economic and Housing Growth

Indicator = Amount of land developed for employment by type and proportion on allocated sites

Gross figures	West Dorset & Weymouth and Portland (Gross ha)		
	17/18	18/19	19/20
Total area completed for employment on allocated sites	1.15	7.16	1.16
Total floorspace completed on allocated sites	0.60	1.16	0.199

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Total area completed for employment on unallocated sites	4.72	6.37	3.14
Total floorspace completed on unallocated sites	0.54	1.22	0.47

Source: Dorset Council 2020 (* Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding)

Figure B13 - SUS 1: The Level of Economic and Housing Growth			
Indicator = Employment land supply			
	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland (ha)	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland (ha)	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland (ha)
	2017/18	2018/19	19/20
Total application area for commenced applications on allocated Sites	20.79	9.025	18.05
Permission on allocated sites	9.51	8.42	11.15
Commenced on unallocated sites	4.34	1.844	9.68
Permission on unallocated sites	15.01	7.68	12.85

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B14 - SUS 1: The Level of Economic and Housing Growth								
Indicator = The annual housing completions within the plan area (net)								
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Weymouth & Portland								
Weymouth	186	68	124	161	26	51	198	130.56
Portland	19	44	24	40	143	161	91	76
WPBC Total	205	112	148	201	169	212	289	206.5
West Dorset								
Littlemoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickerell	8	35	31	72	77	60	60	42
Dorchester	236	149	117	160	348	178	218	106.6
Crossways	38	7	0	4	3	6	14	3
Bridport	19	9	20	27	48	13	27	12.56

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Beaminster	1	5	1	5	5	2	3	0
Lyme Regis	4	11	6	40	36	53	19	20
Sherborne	25	28	3	102	18	33	137	136.11
Rural WDDC	33	14	73	55	68	76	162	170.22
WDDC Total	364	258	251	465	603	421	640	490.44
TOTAL	569	370	399	666	772	633	929	697

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B15 - SUS 4: The replacement of building outside defined development boundaries
Indicator = The number and location of planning permissions granted for the re-use and replacement of building outside defined development boundaries by use

	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	15/16	16/17	16/17	18/19	19/20
Total	8	7	6	4	37	0	1	0	5	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020 (Please note: Figures currently given are based on planning permissions)

Figure B16 - SUS 5: Neighbourhood Development Plans
Indicator = The number of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders adopted
Indicator = Annual increase in housing land supply as a direct result of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders

	2017/18				2018/19				2019/20			
	West Dorset		Weymouth & Portland		West Dorset		Weymouth & Portland		West Dorset		Weymouth & Portland	
	Plans / Orders	Land Supply	Plans / Orders	Land Supply	Plans / Orders	Land Supply	Plans / Orders	Land Supply	Plans / Orders	Land Supply	Plans / Orders	Land Supply
Neighbourhood plans	0	2.3	2	2.3	2	2.3	0	0	3	10.2	1	0
Neighbourhood Development Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Right to Build Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020 (land supply figures are in hectares)

Figure B17 - ECON2: Protection of Key Employment Sites

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Indicator = Area of land granted permission for non employment uses on Key Employment Sites							
	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland						
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Area (ha) granted permission	0.3ha	1.5ha	0.13ha	0.38ha	0.44ha	2.11ha	1.87ha

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B18 - ECON3: Protection of Other Employment Sites							
Indicator – Loss of employment land/premises to non-employment uses (Completed Floorspace)							
	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland						
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Area (ha) granted permission	2.25ha	2.74ha	0.31ha	0.27ha	0.13ha	0.632ha	0.756

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B19 - ECON4: Protection of Other Employment Sites												
Indicator = Amount of retail development and amount located in town centres												
	West Dorset (ha)						Weymouth & Portland (ha)					
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Amount of completed retail floorspace	0	0	-0.003	-0.053	-0.03	0	0.01	0	0.097	-0.03	-0.079	-0.087

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B20 - ECON7: Caravan and Camping Sites												
Indicator = Planning applications approved in the Heritage Coast for the development of new/extensions to existing caravan and campsites												
	West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
No of planning applications	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020

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Figure B20a - ECON7: Caravan and Camping Sites
Indicator = Planning applications approved in the Heritage Coast for the development of new/extensions to existing caravan and campsites

Application Number	Date	Local Authority	Description
WD/D/19/002390	19/12/2019	Dorset Council - West	Proposed new built holiday accommodation.
WD/D/19/002603	20/02/2020	Dorset Council - West	Use of land for the siting of 6no. glamping pods with decking, terracing, electric hook-ups, bench tables, gravel paths and parking. Provision of landscape and shelter belt planting (Retrospective)
WD/D/19/001974	04/03/2020	Dorset Council - West	Siting of chalets and day huts (retrospective)

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B21 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing
Indicator = The number of affordable housing units by size and tenure secured on-site through open market housing development
Target = 25% affordable housing secured in Portland and 35% secured in Weymouth and West Dorset

	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Total affordable housing units	82	82	92	87	114	80	41	27	36	27
Total number of completions	465	603	421	640	490	201	169	212	289	207
% of affordable housing secured	18%	14%	22%	14%	23%	40%	24%	13%	13%	13%

Source: Dorset Council 2020 (figures have been rounded)

Figure B22 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing
Indicator = The number of affordable housing units by tenure secured on-site through open market housing development

	Affordable Rented									
	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Total	31	27	45	71	51	13	78	18	20	22
	Intermediate Housing									
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
	Total	19	55	37	17	36	5	2	23	7

Source: Dorset Council**(not updated since 2018/19)

Figure B22 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing

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Indicator = The number of affordable housing units by size and tenure secured on-site through open market housing development

Size	Affordable Rented									
	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
1 Bed	6	7	10	21	18	2	45	0	4	0
2 Bed	17	13	20	40	31	10	22	11	11	10
3 Bed	3	7	17	10	6	1	11	3	5	1
4 Bed	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5 Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	31	27	45	71	55	13	78	18	20	11
	Intermediate Housing									
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
1 Bed	3	9	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0
2 Bed	12	27	23	10	2	1	2	15	5	5
3 Bed	4	19	11	11	13	3	0	8	2	0
4 Bed	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19	55	37	17	22	5	2	23	7	5

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Figure B23 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing

Indicator = The level of financial contribution secured for off-site delivery of affordable housing

West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
£60,588	£0	£53,688	£81,000	377,165	£108,639	£10,000	£6,463	£170,000	£197,835

Source: Dorset Council** (not updated since 2018/19)

Figure B24 - HOUS2: Affordable Housing Exception Sites

Indicator = The number of affordable housing units completed on exception sites

West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
60	6	8	15	8	33	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B25 - HOUS3: Housing Mix delivered (2017/18)

Indicator = The number of homes permitted by size (bedrooms) and type (GROSS)

Houses	WDDC					WPBC				
	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Type										

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1 Bed	4	13	10	56	20	12	6	0	7	5
2 Bed	42	113	77	100	105	19	25	44	55	79
3 Bed	58	147	123	109	225	20	42	47	72	68
4 Bed+	42	76	93	85	125	9	18	26	14	25
Sub Total	146	349	302	350	475	60	91	117	148	177
Flats	WDDC					WPBC				
Type	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
1 Bed	58	24	150	36	75	23	55	35	37	59
2 Bed	32	92	198	33	93	25	42	49	19	52
3 Bed	0	0	38	3	14	0	12	8	7	1
4 Bed+	0	0	0	-1	2	0	1	0	1	0
Sub Total	90	116	386	135	184	48	110	92	64	112
Total	236	465	688	421	659	108	201	209	212	289

Source: Dorset Council 2020 (Housing mix figures are gross figures and will not tally exactly with net figures included in Figure B14 - SUS 1)

Figure B26 - COM2: New or Improved Local Community Buildings and Structures
Indicator = The number of (approved applications for) new community facilities available within the plan area

West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
2	3	6	9	18	20	0	0	2	0	16	3

Figure B26 - COM2: New or Improved Local Community Buildings and Structures
Indicator = The number of (approved applications for) new community facilities available within the plan area (including community buildings, building associated with health, shops etc)

Application Number	Location	Proposal
West Dorset		
WD/D/19/00252	WAKELING ISLAND, SILVERLAKE, WARMWELL ROAD, CROSSWAYS, DORCHESTER, DT2 8GA	Application for approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for plots 29-30 comprising a pair of semi-detached properties and two community areas, one to include an informal play area, canoe and bike hire hut, and hen house and the other to include a book exchange phone booth, in relation to outline approval 1/D/13/001112 (for 'Silverlake' a sustainable vacation community including up to 1,000 holiday units).
WD/D/19/00772	DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM 65 -66 HIGH WEST STREET, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XA	Refurbishment, re-configuring and extension of the existing Dorset County Museum, installation of new shopfront and demolition of un-listed buildings - (Variation of Condition No.1 of Planning Approval WD/D/16/002934-to amend approved plans)

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WD/D/19/001371	LAND ADJACENT HIVE BEACH CAR PARK, BEACH ROAD, BURTON BRADSTOCK	Erect timber Look-out hut for National Coastwatch Institution Lyme Bay (Variation of condition 3 of planning approval 1/D/13/001301 - to allow an extension to the temporary planning consent)
WD/D/19/001074	LYME REGIS FOOTBALL CLUB, CHARMOUTH ROAD, LYME REGIS, DT7 3DW	Erect single storey side extension to Club House, increase size of car park & resurface with tarmac. Construct covered grandstand seating area (with variation of condition 1 of planning permission WD/D/16/000708 to amend plans to relocate the proposed grandstand from the northern side of the pitch to the southern side of the pitch)
WD/D/19/001069	LAND AT SHAKES HOLE, SOUTHOVER FARM ACCESS ROAD, TOLPUDDLE	Change of use of the land from agricultural to use for leisure purposes including archery, off road buggy racing, 4x4 vehicle driving and blind driving (with related equipment and structures including poles, flagpoles, fences, vehicles, sheds, portaloos and carting van and the creation of earth bunds - (with variation of conditions 2 & 3 of reference APP/F1230/C/07/2056624 to allow activities to take place on four days per week (excluding Sundays) plus a variation of hours of operation to 8am - 18.30pm between 1st April - 30th September in any calendar year.
WD/D/19/002958	HARDYS BIRTHPLACE VISITOR CENTRE, HIGHER BOCKHAMPTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 8QH	Demolition of countryside rangers workshop/barn, construction of a new visitor centre, landscape works and improvement to existing car park - (with variation of Condition 8 of planning permission 1/D/12/001028 to extend opening hours)
WD/D/19/000282	THE GREAT FIELD, PEVERELL AVENUE EAST, POUNDBURY	Erection of Pavilion with Cafe, Community Space and Offices
WD/D/19/000299	COUNCIL DEPOT, A352 STREET LANE TO A3030, LONGBURTON, SHERBORNE, DT9 5NZ	Erection of village hall with parking & play area
WD/D/19/000366	DORCHESTER WEST RAILWAY STATION, GREAT WESTERN ROAD, DORCHESTER, DT1 2LB	Construction of new access ramp to provide (step-free) access between Williams Avenue and Dorchester West Station (Platform 1)
WD/D/19/000389	PUDDLETOWN RECREATION GROUND, DORCHESTER ROAD, PUDDLETOWN	Erect concrete lined, below ground level skate bowl with associated minor earthworks and fencing as an extension of the existing play park area.
WD/D/18/001124	LAND NORTH WEST OF, THREE LANES WAY, PUDDLETOWN	Erection of 41 dwellings, access, landscaping, public open space and associated works
WD/D/19/001377	THE ROMAN TOWN HOUSE, COUNTY HALL, COLLITON PARK, DORCHESTER, DT1 1XJ	Carry out improvement works to Roman Town House complex to include seating, lighting, access, parking, circulation, new timber steps and paths, laying of hard surfaces and other landscaping works

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WD/D/19/001615	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CAR PARK, COLLITON STREET, DORCHESTER	Demolition of existing structurally un-stable boundary walls to the Holy Trinity Church car park and the re-building of replacement walls to match the existing
WD/D/19/001662	SPORTS CENTRE, SHERBORNE SCHOOL, ABBEY ROAD, SHERBORNE, DT9 3AP	Demolition of pre-fabricated classroom & two store buildings & retaining walls. Extensions to the existing school sports centre to create additional sports hall, classrooms, studios, physio and sports performance rooms, enlarged gymnasium and associated office, storage, changing & ancillary infrastructure. Refurbishment of existing sports centre & swimming pool. Installation of PV panels and Air Source Heat Pumps on roof of new sports hall extension . Widening of access of Acreman Street & improvements to entry arrangements including CCTV, replacement barriers and pedestrian footpath. Installation of electric car charging points. Rearrangement of car parking on site. Creation of pedestrian priority access off walkway south of the Grove to existing parking area and new vehicle access control arrangements to improve safety. Additional cycle parking. Associated works to underground services, including attenuation tanks. Removal of trees and a hedgerow. Proposed replacement trees with landscaping .
WD/D/19/001875	SHERBORNE COMMUNITY CHURCH, LITTLEFIELD, SHERBORNE, DT9 6AU	Retain portable cabin for community uses for a further temporary period
WD/D/18/002619	LAND SOUTH OF THE PADDOCK GARDEN, OLD MARKET PLACE, SHERBORNE	Partial demolition of stone boundary wall to the west of the site, demolition of the stone boundary wall to the north of the site and erection of visual arts venue.
WD/D/19/002708	OVER AND NETHER COMPTON VILLAGE HALL, COMPTON ROAD, NETHER COMPTON	Erection of extension to village hall
WD/D/19/000612	THE GROVE, RAX LANE, BRIDPORT, DT6 3JL	Change of use from Retail use to office & community use
WD/D/19/001810	LAND AT LAMBERTS CASTLE CAR PARK, WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM	Hard surfacing of the start of an unsurfaced track to the National Trust Car Park. Display of new welcome & orientation board.
WD/D/19/001892	BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE, SKILLING HILL ROAD, BRIDPORT, DT6 5LN	Form 2 No. electric vehicle charging bays and install associated equipment.
WD/D/19/001922	LOWER WRAXALL FARM, WRAXALL LANE, LOWER WRAXALL, DORCHESTER, DT2 0HL	Conversion and alterations of vacant farm buildings to create 5no. units of residential accommodation (holiday lets), community space and educational farm area

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WD/D/18/000391	MANOR FARM, CHURCH STREET, DEWLISH, DORCHESTER, DT2 7LR	Conversion of existing barns & construction of new buildings to form an Artists Guild - artists studios, residential accommodation, cafe, retail, assembly hall, chapel & associated landscaping.
WD/D/19/000647	LAND AT GRID REF 360222 91988 NORTH OF ROMAN ROAD, ROMAN ROAD FROM JUNCTION DAIRY KINGSTON, WINTERBOURNE ABBAS	Change of use of farmland for a natural burial ground; form car park; erection of open-sided timber-framed shelter.
WD/D/17/000986	LAND AT VEARSE FARM, BRIDPORT	Outline application for the development of up to 760 dwellings, 60 unit care home (Use Class C2), 4 hectares of land for employment (Use Classes B1, B2, B8), mixed use local centre (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3 and D1), primary school and associated playing fields (Use Class D1), areas of public open space and allotments, drainage works, the formation of new vehicular accesses to West Road and the formation of new pedestrian and cycle links.
WD/D/19/002578	SILVERLAKE, WARMWELL ROAD, CROSSWAYS	Application for approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout & scale; erection of a pizza shack & yurt to provide new community facilities, including seating areas & landscape provisions in relation to Outline approval 1/D/13/001112
Weymouth & Portland		
WP/19/00964/FUL	RADIPOLE PARK & GARDENS, RADIPOLE PARK DRIVE, WEYMOUTH	Erection of a single storey building within the existing park and modifications to the existing car park.
WP/19/00239/FUL	SITE OPPOSITE PIER BANDSTAND, THE ESPLANADE, WEYMOUTH	Siting of shepherds hut with wheelchair access and terrace (between March to October) for daytime recreational use only by families with children who are disabled
WP/19/00156/FUL	LAND OFF, PRIORY ROAD, PORTLAND	Erection of commemorative beacon (retrospective)

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B27 - COM3: The Retention of Local Community Buildings and Structures
Indicator = Number of approved applications for change of use from shops, garages, public houses and community buildings to other non-community uses

West Dorset						Weymouth & Portland					
14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
2	1	1	4	7	2	2	0	0	0	6	5

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B27 - COM3: The Retention of Local Community Buildings and Structures

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Indicator = Number of approved applications for change of use from shops, garages, public houses and community buildings to other non-community uses		
Application Number	Location	Proposal
West Dorset		
WD/D/19/000300	THE OLD VILLAGE HALL, A352 STREET LANE TO A3030, LONGBURTON, SHERBORNE, DT9 5PG	Change of use of village hall to dwelling (demolish existing porch and part re-build to rear elevation) with associated alterations.
WD/D/19/002847	114 ST ANDREWS ROAD, BRIDPORT, DT6 3BL	Change of use from A4 (public house) to C1 (guest house)
Weymouth and Portland		
WP/19/00762/FUL	SUTTON ROAD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, SUTTON ROAD, SUTTON POYNTZ, WEYMOUTH, DT3 6LN	Change of use & conversion from redundant evangelical church to dwelling house & erection of domestic garage
WP/19/00822/DOD	NEW COVENANT CHURCH THE PRAYER HOUSE, NEWSTEAD ROAD, WEYMOUTH, DT4 8JE	Prior notification of demolition of former church building
WP/19/00370/FUL	MAIDEN STREET METHODIST CHURCH, MAIDEN STREET, WEYMOUTH, DT4 8BB	Reconstruction and change of use of church to 25.No apartments and remedial works to existing house.
WP/19/00528/FUL	TERRACE ADJACENT TO BEACH CHALETs GREENHILL GARDEN, GREENHILL, WEYMOUTH	Removal of temporary RNLI facility and alterations to restore building to its former condition
WP/19/00278/VOC	UNDERHILL COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL, KILLICKS HILL, PORTLAND, DT5 1JW	Partial demolition of the existing school buildings (class D1), conversion of the remaining school building into dwellings (class C3) and the construction of new dwellings, associated access, parking and landscaping; to form a total of 20 no. new dwellings - Variation of Condition 2 of planning approval reference WP/17/00323/FUL to allow amendments to plots 4-8. Amendments to include obscure glazing to Plot 16, first floor, side elevation window.

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B28 - COM5: The Retention of Open Space and Recreational Facilities	
Indicator = Number of approved applications for the development or change of use of open space, including playing fields, recreational areas and allotments	
West Dorset	Weymouth & Portland

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14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
0	0	3	4	3	3	0	1	1	2	2	0

Source: Dorset Council 2020

Figure B28 - COM5: The Retention of Open Space and Recreational Facilities		
Indicator = Number of approved applications for the development or change of use of open space, including playing fields, recreational areas and allotments		
Application Number	Location	Proposal
West Dorset		
WD/D/19/001202	LAND NORTH OF ORCHARD CRESCENT AND EAST OF DOTTERY ROAD B3162, BRIDPORT	Outline planning permission for up to 90 residential dwellings (including 35% affordable housing), amenity area for recreational use, planting, landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area and sustainable drainage system (SuDS). All matters reserved with the exception of access
WD/D/17/000986	LAND AT VEARSE FARM, BRIDPORT	Outline application for the development of up to 760 dwellings, 60 unit care home (Use Class C2), 4 hectares of land for employment (Use Classes B1, B2, B8), mixed use local centre (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3 and D1), primary school and associated playing fields (Use Class D1), areas of public open space and allotments, drainage works, the formation of new vehicular accesses to West Road and the formation of new pedestrian and cycle links.
WD/D/19/002257	LAND WEST OF LEIGH VILLAGE HALL, CHETNOLE ROAD, LEIGH	Change of use of agricultural land to village green & agricultural land. Erection of fence with stile gate & vehicle access gate between the two sections of land & 2no. vehicle access gates & 2 no. pedestrian gates.
Weymouth and Portland		

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Figure B29 - COM11: Renewable Energy Development
Indicator – Annual energy generation by installed capacity and type

		Capacity (MW) Energy							Capacity (MW) Heat				Total	
		Anaerobic Digestion	EfW	Hydro	Landfill Gas	Onshore Wind	Sewage Gas	Solar PV	Anaerobic Digestion	Biomass	Heat Pumps	Solar Thermal	Total Energy	Total Heat
11/12	WDDC	0.48	-	0.01	-	0.08	-	0.45	-	0.97	0.29	0.18	1.02	1.44
	WPBC	-	-	0.02	-	0.06	-	0.12	-	0.27	0.16	0.03	0.20	0.45
12/13	WDDC	2.78	-	0.01	0.46	0.21	-	11.61	-	2.24	1.31	0.33	15.07	3.88
	WPBC	-	-	0.02	-	0.07	-	1.99	-	0.87	0.25	0.04	2.07	1.16
13/14	WDDC	1.40	-	0.01	0.46	0.20	-	20.87	0.80	5.13	2.26	0.45	24.81	7.70
	WPBC	-	-	0.03	-	0.07	-	7.61	-	0.98	0.46	0.09	8.64	1.53
14/15	WDDC	3.50	-	0.01	-	0.20	-	27.39	2.56	7.36	2.59	0.55	31.10	13.06
	WPBC	-	-	0.03	-	0.07	-	7.77	-	1.27	0.38	0.08	7.87	1.73
15/16	WDDC	7.41	-	0.01	0.45	0.24	-	39.91	-	8.37	3.05	0.54	48.02	3.59
	WPBC	-	-	0.03	-	0.06	-	3.23	-	0.84	0.42	0.07	3.32	1.33

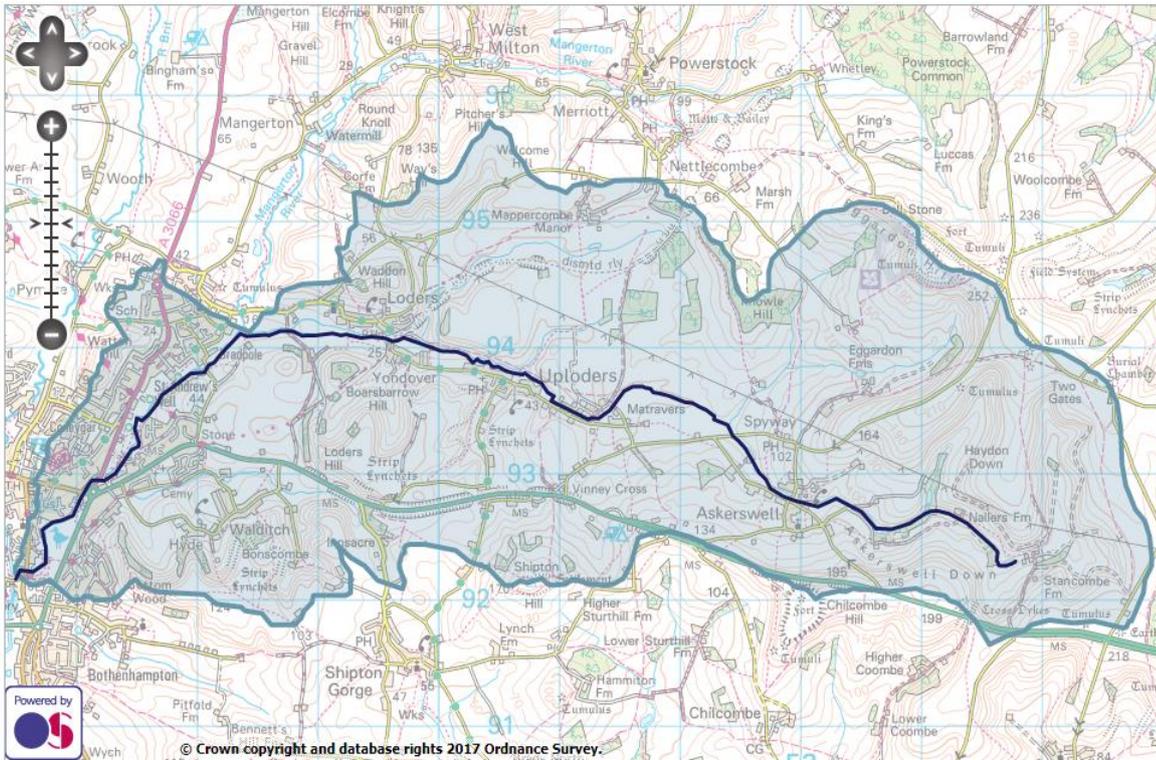
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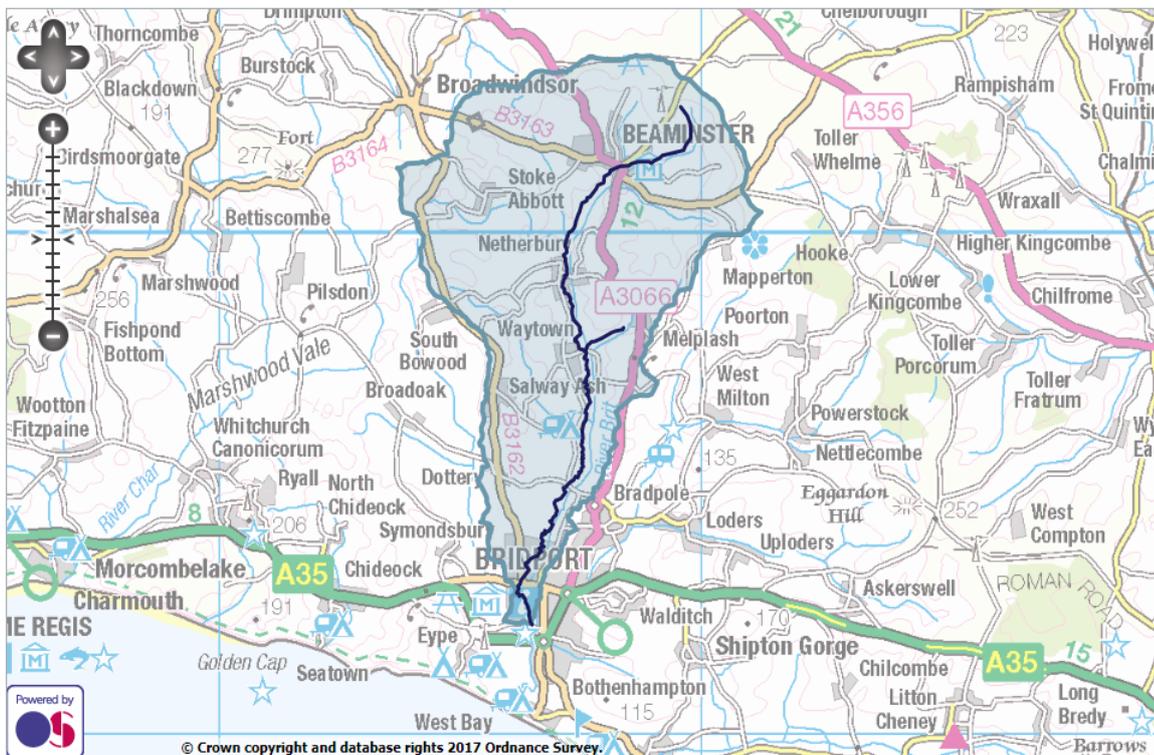
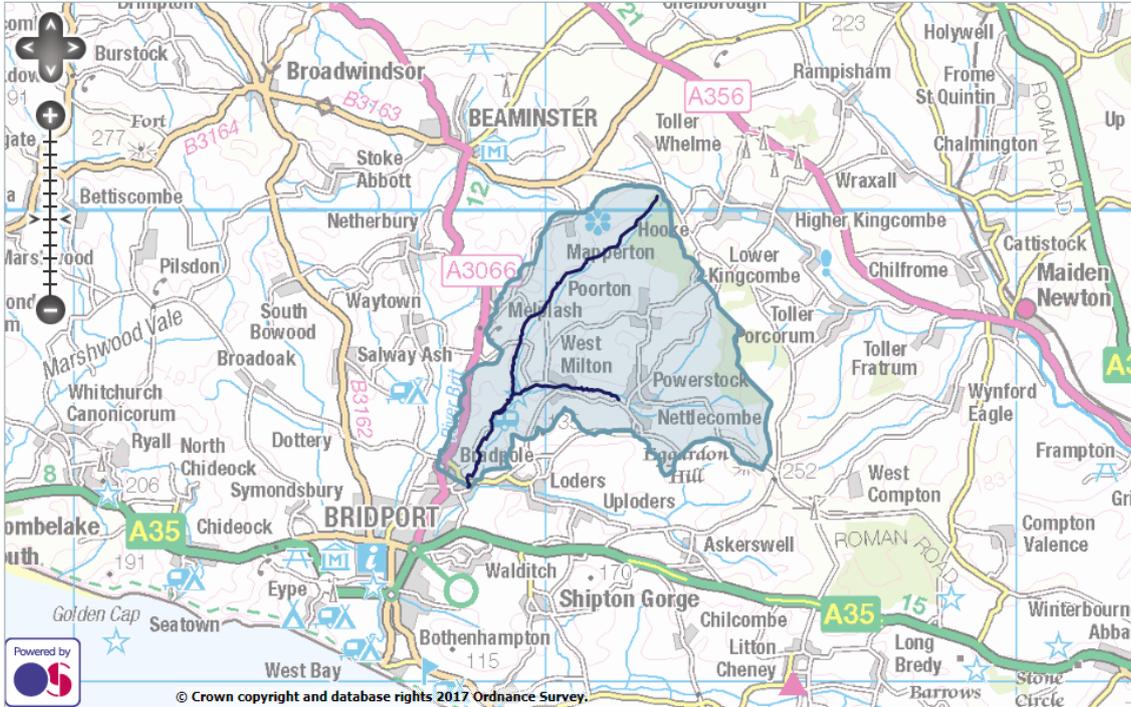
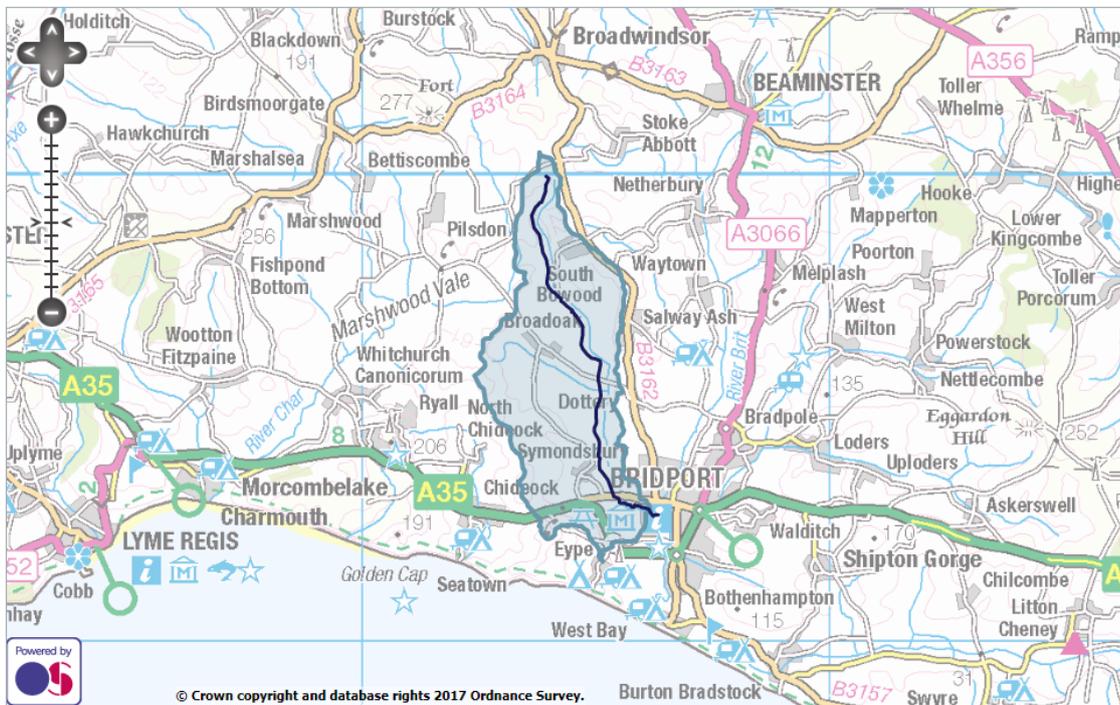


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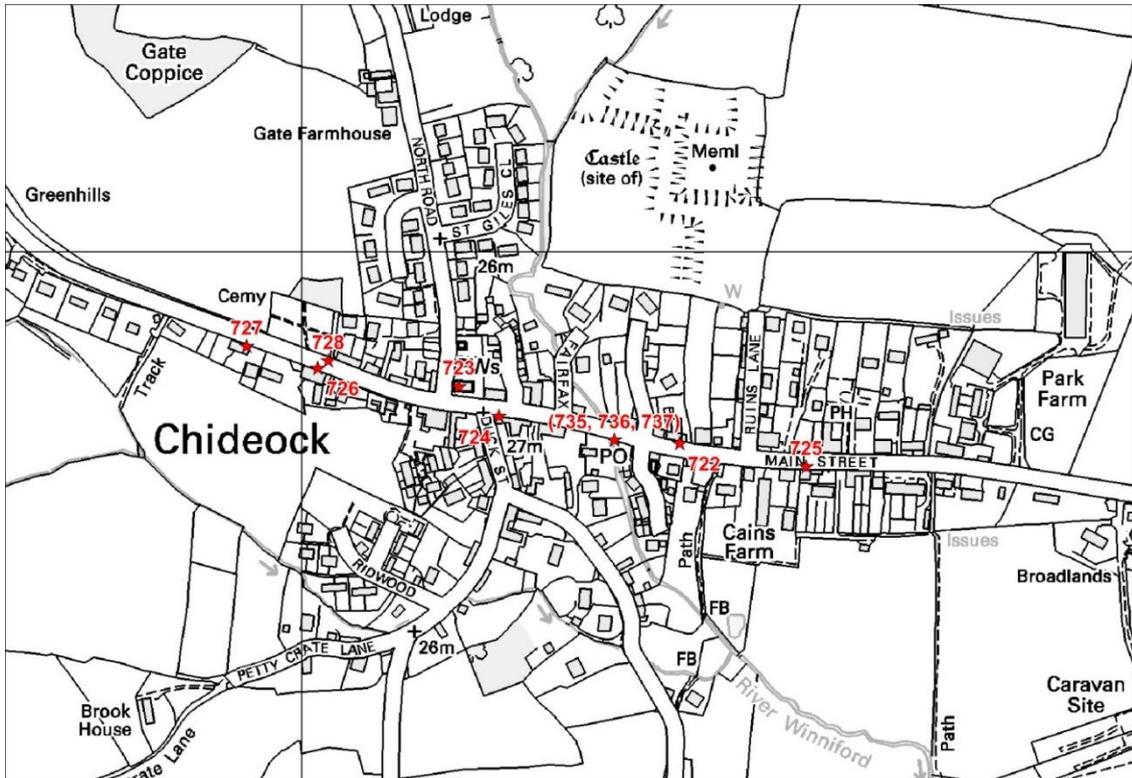


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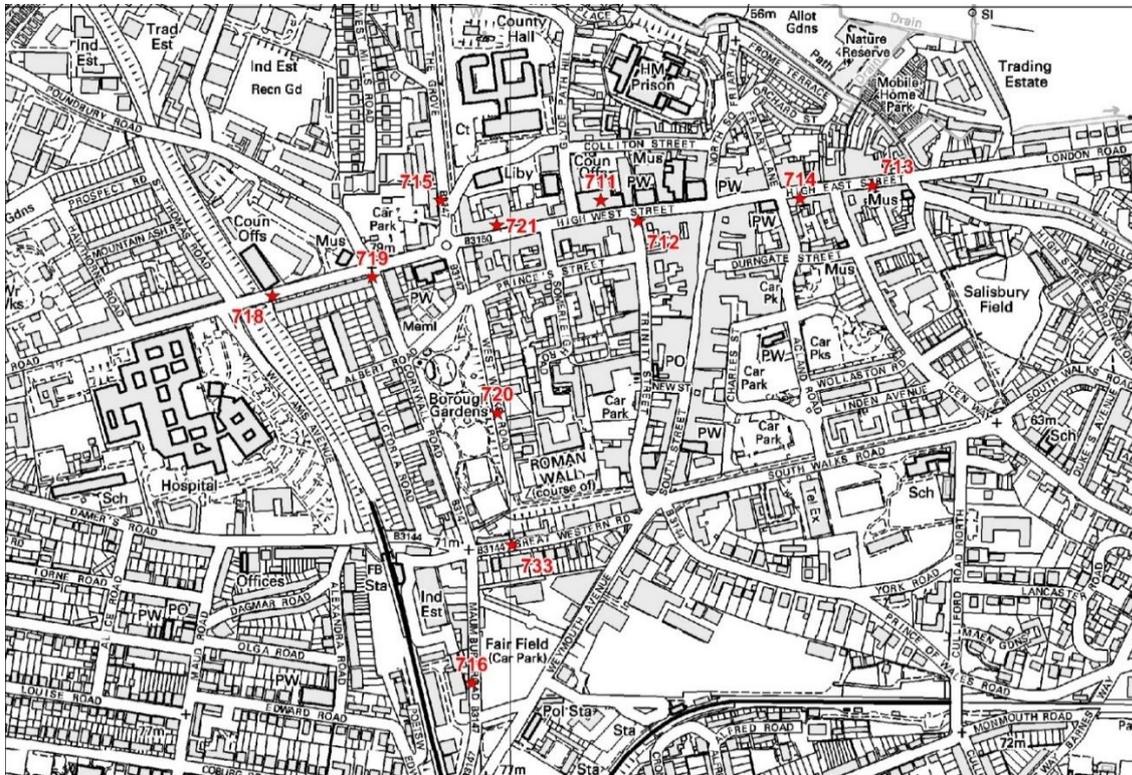
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Figure B31 – Sustainability Appraisal (Indicator – Air Quality)
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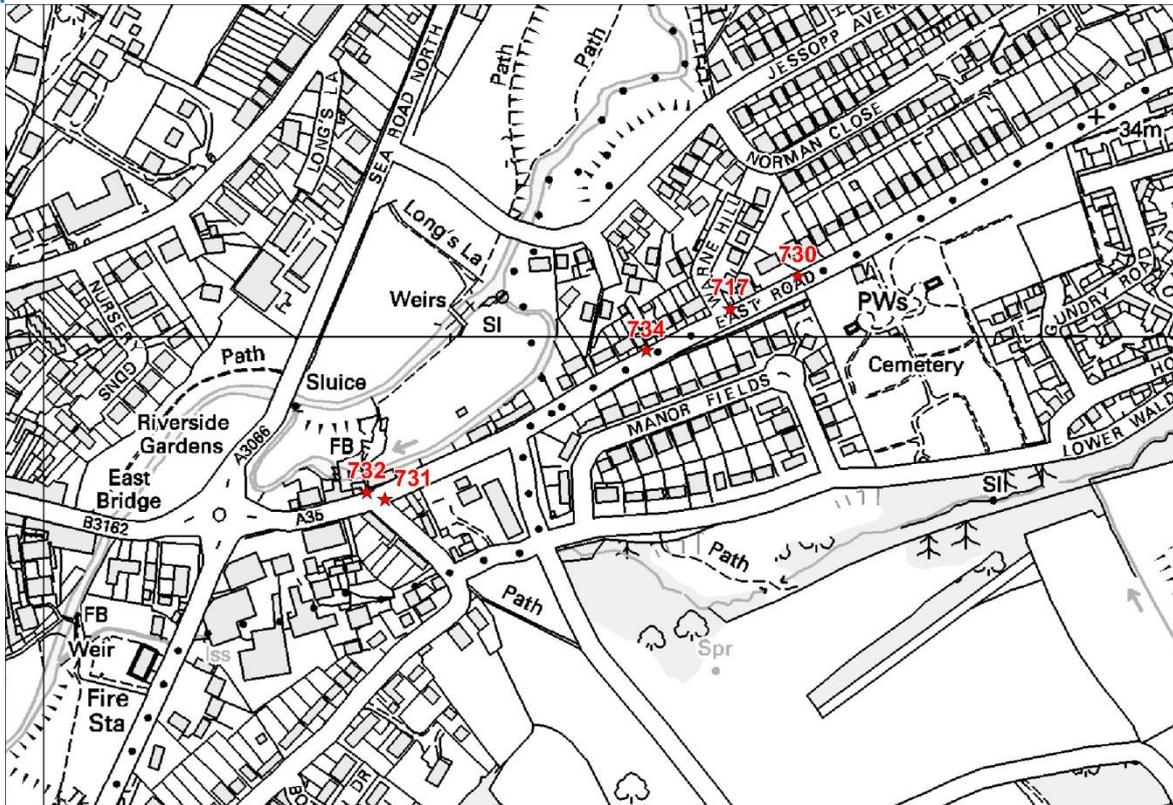
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**Figure B31 – Sustainability Appraisal (Indicator – Air Quality)
Bridport**



Source: WDDC - Air Quality Annual Status Report (2016)