

Independent Examination of the Purbeck Local Plan (2018-2034)

Inspector's interim response to updated 5 year housing land supply report

I acknowledge receipt of the June 2022 version of the 5 year housing land supply report.

It would appear that the current estimate of supply is an interim position as the Council is awaiting the outcome of discussions with Natural England regarding the implications of its nutrients advice.

In my previous note (in response to the Council's letter dated 13 April 2022) I indicated that plans have been found sound elsewhere without being able to demonstrate a 5 year supply and that the lack of a 5 year supply need not preclude me from finding the Purbeck Local Plan sound given the stage reached in this Examination.

However, the position at that time was that there would be a 4.3 years' supply of housing. I note that, due to the removal of sites from the supply because of the nutrients issue, the supply is now considerably less and stands at 1.23 years.

I am awaiting the Council's updated position following its discussions with Natural England. Once the outcome of these discussions is known I will be in a better position to consider the implications of their advice for the Plan as a whole and for housing land supply in particular. Only then will I be able to determine the next steps for the Examination.

In the meantime, Inspector Gareth Wildgoose will be undertaking a further hearing session relating to Policies I5 and V2 (Morden Park) on 19th July 2022 as previously notified.

I would urge the Council to expedite the discussions with Natural England and update me as soon as possible.

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