



Purbeck Local Plan Part 1

Monitoring Report

Accessibility

(1st April 2015 – 31 March 2016)



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Introduction

1. This is Purbeck District Council's monitoring report on policies relating to accessibility. The report covers the period 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016.
2. We use our adopted planning policies in the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 to measure our progress and to assess how well we are doing. The policies relevant to this report are Policy IAT: Improving Accessibility and Transport and Policy LD: Location of Development.
3. We also produce monitoring reports on a number of other topic areas such as Employment, Retail and Tourism.
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Improving Accessibility and Transport (Policy IAT) and General Location of Development (Policy LD)

5. These policies monitor whether new development is located in areas where residents can access basic services, and is therefore directed towards the most sustainable locations in accordance with the district’s settlement hierarchy.
6. In previous monitoring reports, the data that has been used to monitor performance of these policies has been provided by Dorset County Council (DCC).
7. When the monitoring proposals were put together for the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1, we included indicators that at the time could be measured for us by DCC using a specific computer programme. However, due to difficulties with this programme, DCC have been unable to provide us with data on walking distances and, since 2012, they have been unable to provide us with data on accessibility by public transport.
8. To ensure that accessibility to basic services and sustainable development continues to be monitored into the future, this report establishes new monitoring indicators and a new monitoring target from 1st April 2014 onwards as set out in the table below. The new indicators and targets are based on Policy LD: Location of Development which established the role of each settlement in the district based on the 2010 Settlement Strategy and a review of community facilities. Essentially, Policy LD aims to ensure sustainable development by locating new development in the most sustainable locations with the aim of minimising car trips and the subsequent impact on climate change.

How well are we doing?

9. The table below sets out our new monitoring indicators and targets that we have been able to monitor. It shows where we have reached our targets (✓) and where we have not reached our targets or where we would like our outcomes to improve (✗).

What we measure	Target	Progress: 1 st April 2015 – 31 st March 2016	Outcome
Percentage of new residential completions within or adjoining a Town.	Majority of all new residential completions by 2027.	68%	✓
Percentage of new residential		3%	✓

What we measure	Target	Progress: 1 st April 2015 – 31 st March 2016	Outcome
completions within or adjoining a Key Service Village.			
Percentage of new residential completions within or adjoining a Local Service Village.		0%	✓
Percentage of new residential completions within or adjoining a village with a settlement boundary.		4%	✓
Percentage of new residential completions within or adjoining a village without a settlement boundary.	Minority of all new residential completions by 2027.	0%	✓
Percentage of new residential completions within the countryside.		25%*	x*

* The high level of residential completions within the countryside reflects 45 residential caravans at Organford Manor Country Park obtaining permanent residential use through the grant of a certificate of lawful use or development at appeal (Ref: APP/B1225/X/15/3002181 – 11 September 2015).

NB: New residential completions include changes of use to residential from other uses. Data taken from the Housing Completions and Commitments Monitoring Report (1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016).

Summary and recommendations

- The new monitoring indicators show that the majority of new residential completions over the past monitoring year have taken place in the district's towns and key service villages (71%). A small amount of new residential completions have taken place in other villages with a settlement boundary and the countryside. The percentage of residential completions in the countryside was high this year due to an appeal decision relating to an existing site (see above). This reflects a one-off decision and is highly unlikely to represent an on-going trend across the district. The overall outcome confirms that new residential completions are located within the most sustainable

locations within the district in accordance with the settlement hierarchy set out in Policy LD: General Location of Development in the PLP1.

11. As Policy LD was established based on the role of each settlement in the district based and a review of their community facilities, we can also assume that the majority of new residential completions are located in towns or villages where residents can access basic services on foot or a wider range of facilities by public transport.
12. No recommendations are made.