

Joint Annual Monitoring Report
West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland
2016/17

West Dorset District Council and
Weymouth and Portland Borough Council

Monitoring Period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017



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Executive Summary

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

This AMR covers the monitoring period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, and is based on the policies of the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan ('Local Plan'). This monitoring report is the third AMR prepared jointly by West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.

The AMR reports on the progress made in the preparation of planning documents in 2016/17 with reference to the schedule presented in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) published in March 2016 as shown below.

	Council	Lead team	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018
DPD: West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan Review	WD & WP	LP	Sc	Pr							Pu		Su	
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The Local Plan was formerly adopted by Weymouth & Portland Borough Council on 15 October 2015 and West Dorset District Council on 22 October 2015. The report by the Planning Inspector accompanying the Local Plan, published on 14 August 2015 included a number of main modifications which included; *'the 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 Local Plan review has commenced in line with this modification. The Local Plan review has since been through the first round of consultation which took place in February-April 2017, involving consulting on the Issues and Options document. This included potential options for development across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland as well as highlighting policies that are likely to need amendments. Since the consultation on the Issues and Options document a summary document of all the responses was produced and made available online, as well as all the consultation responses being redacted of sensitive information and then made available online.

Work has now been started on the Preferred Options document with additional evidence being commissioned on landscape and heritage to allow further assessment of the development

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options and updating/amending policies where required. The aim is to have the preferred options document ready to consult upon in summer 2018. The LDS will be amended in 2018 to reflect progress on the Local Plan Review and other areas including the Dorset-wide Gypsy, Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations.

During the monitoring period there were 18 neighbourhood plans being produced, with 2 recently undergoing examination including; Buckland Newton Neighbourhood Plan and Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan.

The detailed policy monitoring indicates that some of the adopted Local Plan targets have not been met, including policy SUS1 with the target of 775 dwellings per annum not being delivered in the current monitoring year (772 dwellings delivered 2016/17). The Councils are also marginally below being able to demonstrate a 5 year land supply with 4.94 years supply identified for the 2016/17 monitoring year.

Other monitoring indicators which were not reached include:

- SUS1 the level of employment floorspace delivered fell below the target of 3ha per annum on allocated sites with only 0.25ha delivered on allocated sites, and 0.4ha of employment floorspace delivered overall.
- ENV5, there were 12 planning permissions granted contrary to advice of the environment agency above the target of zero.
- HOUS1, In West Dorset 14% of homes delivered were affordable against the target of 35%. In Weymouth and Portland 24% of the homes delivered against the target of 35% in Weymouth and 25% in Portland.

However there were a number of policy monitoring indicators which were reached including:

- ENV4, as the overall number of heritage assets at risk fell slightly from 128 to 127 over the West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland area.
- Policy ENV 5 (Flood Risk area) with a reduction in the total area in flood zone 3.
- Policy ENV2 where there was also no net decrease in the number of heathland birds in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

1 Introduction

- 1.0.1 This Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) presents the progress made by West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council in preparing local planning documents and reports on the performance of these documents in meeting their aims and objectives during the period 31 March 2016 to 1 April 2017.
- 1.0.2 This AMR has been prepared jointly by West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council to monitor the joint West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan.
- 1.0.3 This report contains the following:
- A review of the progress made in the preparation of the Local Plan documents including the Local Plan Review, 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 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 March 2016 (LDS 2016) replacing the previous version (LDS 2015) which was published in April 2015. The LDS 2016 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 March 2016

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- 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 2016 timetable:
- West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan and Review;
 - Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document (DPD)
- 2.0.4 Since the above LDS (2016) was published there have been some changes to timescales. For example CIL has now been formerly adopted in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland therefore the LDS will be updated early 2018 and will be included in the next monitoring report.

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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. As such the most recent LDS published in March 2016 includes a timetable for the Local Plan review.
- 2.1.2 The Local Plan review Issues and Options document was agreed for consultation by the West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council on the 12th January 2017 and 19th January 2017 respectively, subject to a few amendments. The Issues and Options document was then consulted upon from 6th February 2017 to 3rd April 2017.
- 2.1.3 A summary document of all the consultation responses was then produced after the consultation period ended. This report is available on the dorsetforyou website.
- 2.1.4 As the consultation responses have now been collated, Local Plan review is now progressing to Preferred Options stage. The Preferred Options Consultation Document will be considered by both councils between March and May 2018 with the view to consultation commencing in June 2018.

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

- 2.2.1 This development plan document (DPD) will allocate suitable permanent sites for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople and set out a clear strategy for their delivery.
- 2.2.2 This is a joint DPD being prepared with all the Local Planning Authorities within Dorset, with each Council individually agreeing draft documents for consultation and submission. The decision on whether or not to adopt the plan will also be made by each Council individually.
- 2.2.3 The March 2016 LDS for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland contained milestones for this DPD during the monitoring period, which are set out in Figure 2.4.

Figure 2.4: Progress in delivering the Joint Gypsy & Traveller DPD against the LDS published March 2016.

Stage in development	Target date for delivery	Target achieved
Dorset-wide Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations (including Travelling Showpeople) Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) - Consultation	Q4 2015	X
Submission	Q1 2016	X

- 2.2.4 A first stage of consultation on possible sites was held at the end of 2011. Further consultation on additional sites took place in September and October 2014. Reports of these stages of consultation can be found here:
<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/travellerpitches>.
- 2.2.5 Following the end of the consultant's contract, the Councils in Dorset agreed to progress the DPD in house (in January 2016).
- 2.2.6 The Government published new policy in August 2015, which changed the planning definition of Gypsies and Travellers. The need for accommodation has been re-assessed by consultants in the light of the new national policy and that assessment is available here - https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/223795/Bournemouth-Dorset-and-Poole-Gypsy-and-Traveller-and-Travelling-Showpeople-Accommodation-Assessment-October-2017/pdf/2017_10_20_Dorset_GTAA_Final_Report.pdf.
- 2.2.7 Pre-submission consultation on the draft DPD was originally scheduled for the end of 2015. The March 2016 LDS for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland stated that a timeline for taking forward the Joint Site Allocations DPD was in preparation, but this was delayed pending the reassessment of accommodation needs. Now that is complete a revised timetable will be established to progress the DPD.

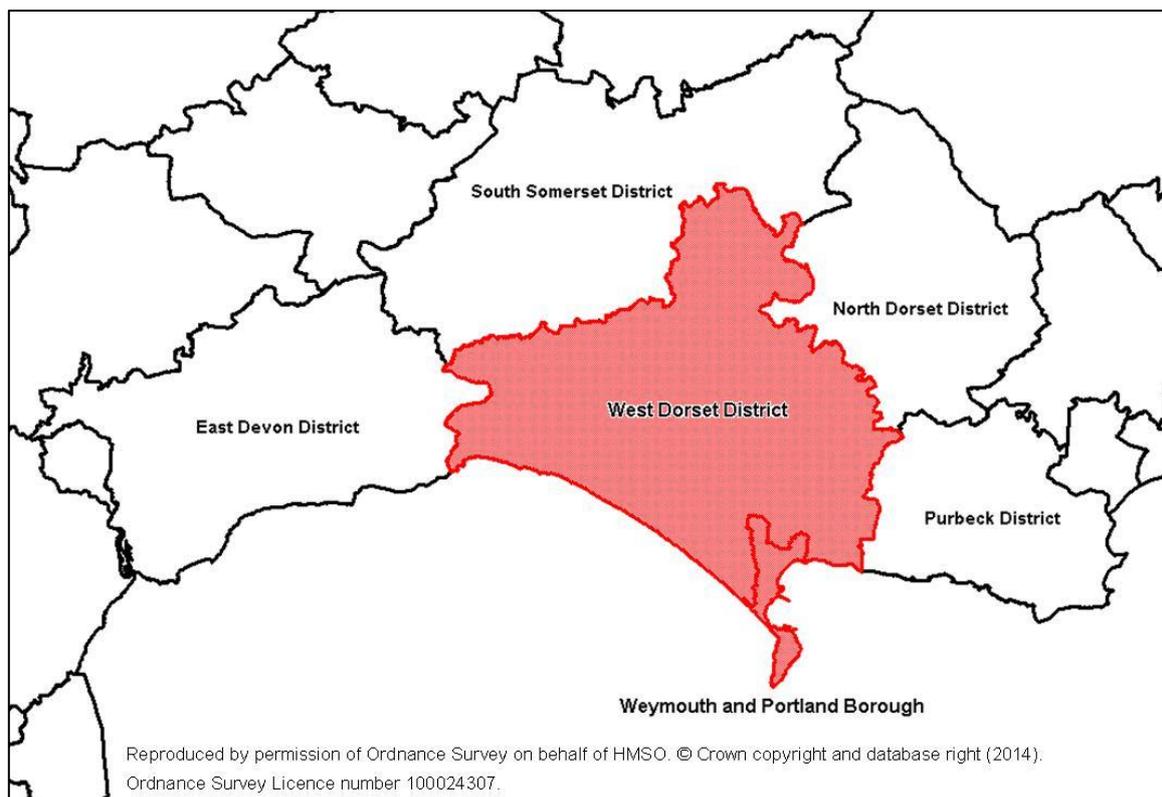
2.3. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

- 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 2016/17, the following neighbourhood plans were in preparation with 2 of the neighbourhood plans going through examination:
- Askerswell
 - Bridport
 - Broadwindsor
 - Buckland Newton (under examination)
 - Charmouth
 - Chetnole and Stockwood
 - Chickerell
 - Holwell
 - Leigh
 - Longburton (Cam Vale)
 - Maiden Newton and Frome Vauchurch
 - Piddle Valley (under examination)
 - Portland
 - Puddletown
 - Sutton Poyntz
 - Upper Marshwood Vale
 - Yetminster and Ryme Intrinseca

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 The borough of Weymouth & Portland shares its boundary with the district of West Dorset (Figure 3.1), and the duty to co-operate has been addressed throughout the process of adopting the Local Plan and now in the review of the Local Plan.
- 3.0.3 The district of West Dorset shares boundaries with Weymouth and Portland and the East Devon, North Dorset, Purbeck, and South Somerset Local Authority Areas.

Figure 3.1: A map showing the areas of jurisdiction for the district of West Dorset, the Borough of Weymouth & Portland, and the surrounding Local Authorities.



- 3.0.4 In his report on the examination of the Local Plan, the Inspector identified four main areas where cross boundary issues needed consideration. These were:
- Between West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland councils particularly associated with the Weymouth urban area and locations adjacent but within West Dorset;
 - Lyme Regis and the linkages with Uplyme in East Devon district;
 - The Yeovil urban area adjacent to the West Dorset boundary in South Somerset district; and

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- Crossways and its links with Moreton in Purbeck district.

3.0.5 The councils prepared a Duty to Cooperate Statement¹ in February 2017, which explains in detail how the duty to cooperate have been satisfied during the early stages of the review of the Local Plan.

3.0.6 The following projects which West Dorset and/or Weymouth and Portland have been involved with across Dorset in the last monitoring period (1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017) are included in the following table. The table has been split down into evidence base and final documents.

Project	Involvement
Report	
Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Waste Strategy	The draft Waste Plan for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole was published for consultation in July 2015. This document contained a number of proposals for managing waste across the county including a number of proposals within the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland areas. In May 2016 a draft Waste Plan Update was produced. West Dorset Executive Committee then submitted a response to the draft report in June 2016.
Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Minerals Plan	In July 2015, Dorset County Council (along with Bournemouth Borough Council and Poole Borough Council) undertook consultation on their draft Minerals Sites Plan. In May 2016, a draft Minerals Sites Plan Update was produced for consultation. Comments were made as part of this consultation with the full response submitted by West Dorset District Council's Executive Committee in June 2016.
Nitrogen reduction in Poole Harbour SPD	Poole Harbour is covered by the Poole Harbour Special Protection Area (SPA) and Poole Harbour Ramsar international designations. The harbour is vulnerable to increases in nitrogen from sewage and agricultural practices. The catchment of Poole Harbour stretches into the local authority areas of Purbeck District, North Dorset District and West Dorset District alongside Poole Borough. These local authorities have worked together with Natural England and the Environment Agency to develop a joint strategy. The draft version of the SPD was consulted upon in June 2015 and under went a scrutiny committee in March 2016. The West Dorset District Councils Executive Committee then adopted the SPD in April 2017. There will also be regular monitoring reports published on progress.

¹ [https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/219733/Duty-to-Cooperate-Issues--Options/pdf/20161219 - Duty to cooperate statement - Issues Options stage - Final - V2.pdf](https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/219733/Duty-to-Cooperate-Issues--Options/pdf/20161219_-_Duty_to_cooperate_statement_-_Issues_Options_stage_-_Final_-_V2.pdf)

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Purbeck Local Plan Review	Although the Purbeck Local Plan was adopted in November 2012 an early partial review was recommended. Issues and Options was consulted upon in January 2015 and then a further round of options was consulted upon in August 2016, a response was made by West Dorset at both these rounds of consultation. In addition officers from West Dorset District Council attended one of the consultation events to support the Purbeck District Council officers. There is also a Moreton/Crossways working group which West Dorset will continue to be involved with. This working group is a forum that allows development issues in the area to be raised and discussed.
East Devon Villages Plan	In August/September 2016, East Devon undertook consultation on their draft Villages Plan. This Villages Plan proposes revisions to the Built-Up Area Boundaries (included the village of Uplyme). West Dorset made a response on the plan highlighting the connection between Lyme Regis and Uplyme.
Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan	Uplyme Parish Council prepared their neighbourhood plan and in June 2016 consulted on their draft plan (Regulation 14). A comment was made on this round of consultation by West Dorset District Council. The draft Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan was submitted for examination in November 2016, West Dorset also made comments at this point regarding the close relationship between Lyme Regis and Uplyme. The Neighbourhood Plan was then formally made in 2017.
Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show persons DPD	The preparation of a Dorset-wide Joint Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpersons Site Allocations Development Plan Document to formally allocate sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople commenced in June 2010 . See more detailed information on current progress in section 2.2 above.
Evidence	
Transport Evidence	To enable a greater understanding of the highways implications of future development in the Moreton/Crossways area, evidence has been gathered jointly by the three local authorities (Dorset County Council, Purbeck District Council, West Dorset District Council). The gathering of evidence will help to identify the long term planning issues in the area and influence the levels of growth and infrastructure required to support it.
Dorset Heathlands	Dorset Heathlands are protected under European law with a network of sites being designated as Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Ramsar. On 1st November 2016, West Dorset District Council's Executive Committee considered a report which

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	set out the proposed apportionment of CIL income for the district. Dorset Heathlands Mitigation is one of the infrastructure themes in West Dorset's 'Regulation 123 list'.
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- 3.0.7 The Councils are also committed to continued cooperation with specific organisations including Dorset Strategic Planning forum, and other statutory consultees including Natural England, Environment Agency etc. The full list of specific organisations that West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland continually work with are included in the full Duty to Cooperate Statement.²
- 3.0.8 As shown by the table above, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council are committed to working with other Local Authorities in the area on a variety of issues to ensure that cross-boundary working is delivering positive outcomes for the wider area.

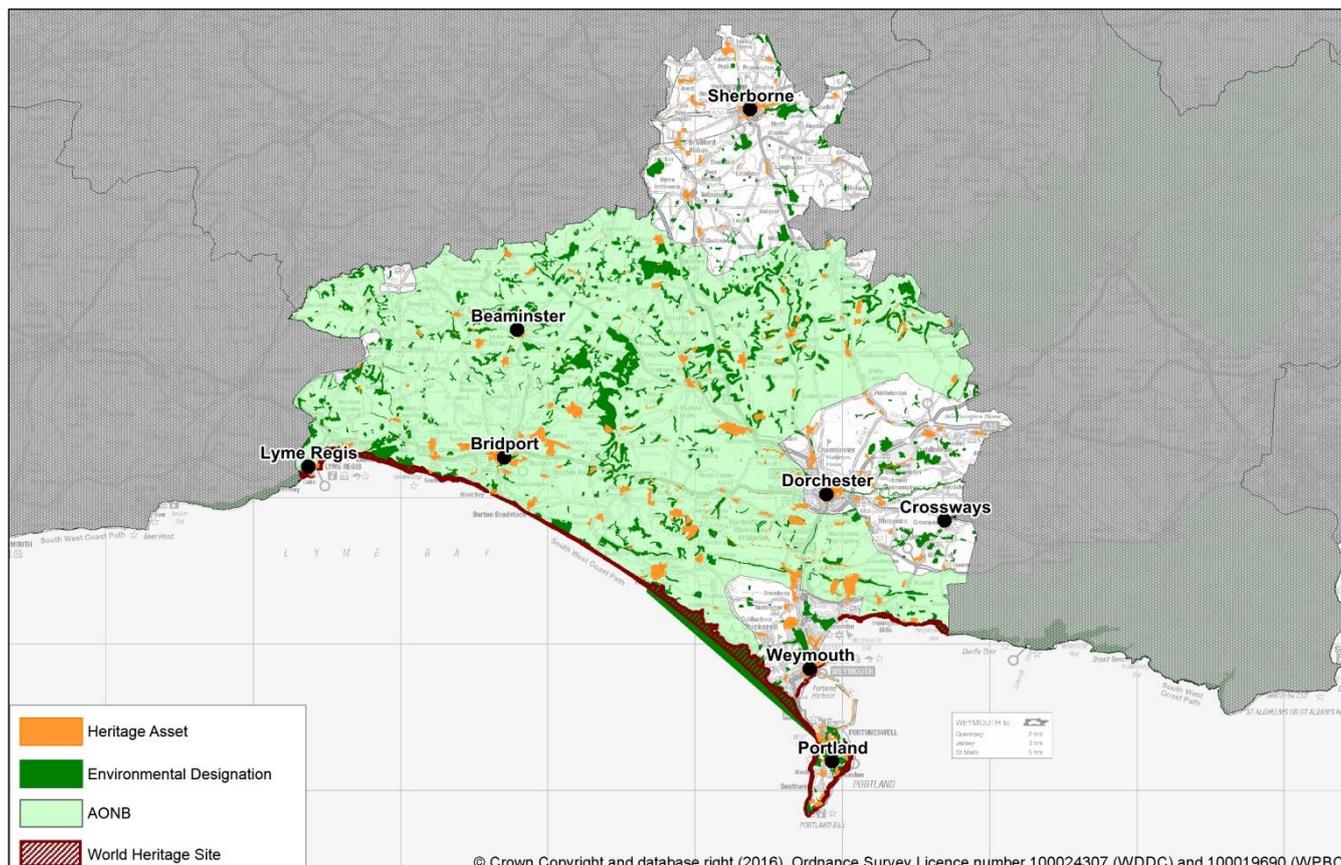
² https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/219733/Duty-to-Cooperate-Issues--Options/pdf/20161219_-_Duty_to_cooperate_statement_-_Issues___Options_stage_-_Final_-_V2.pdf

4 Environment and Climate Change

4.1. BACKGROUND

4.1.1 West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland is 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 WDDC and WPBC



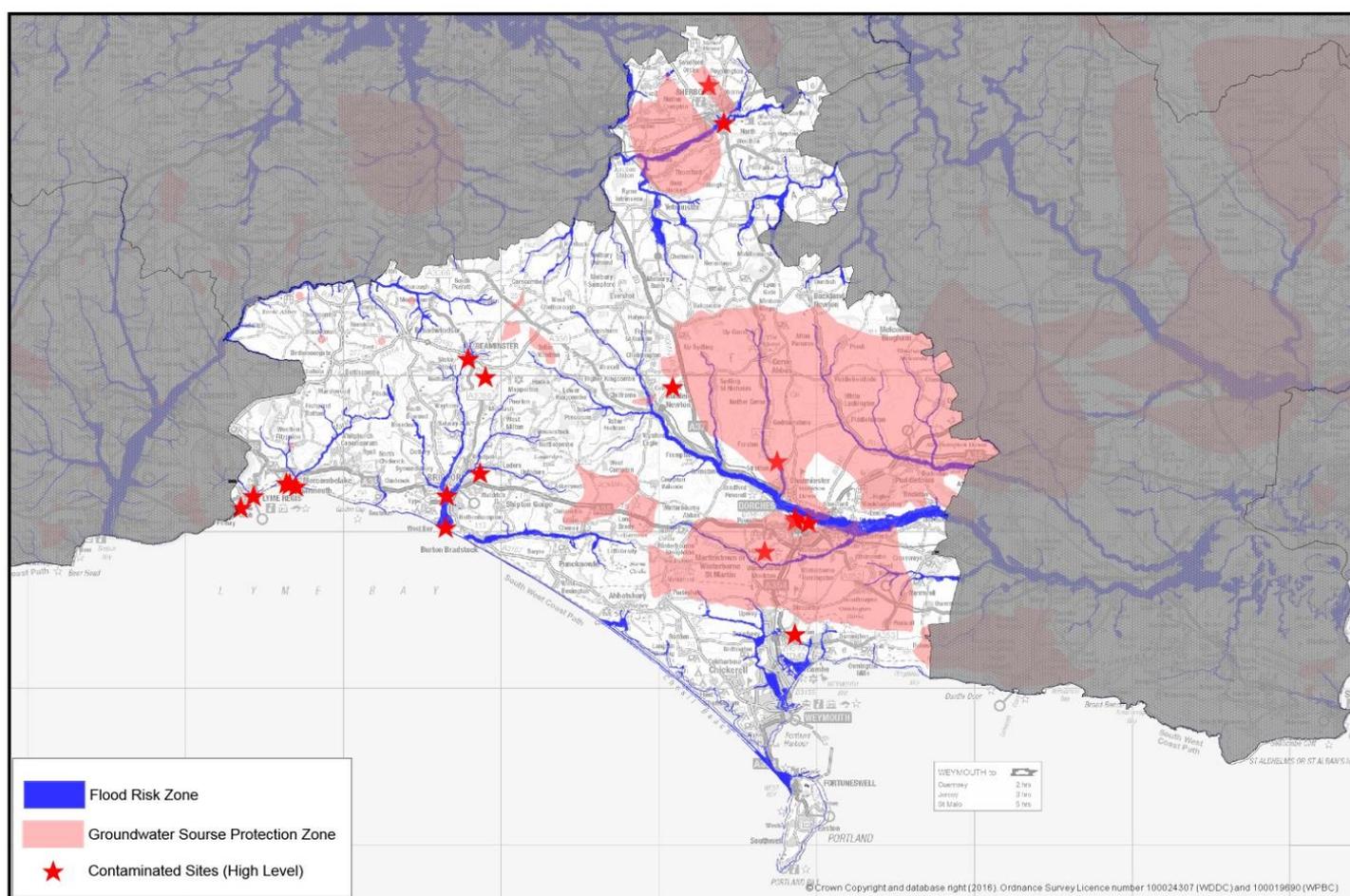
- 4.1.2 The Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty designation recognises landscapes of particularly high quality and covers approximately 69% of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland.
- 4.1.3 In addition, the vast majority of the coastline in this area is part of the Dorset and East Devon Coast World Heritage Site due to its outstanding geological and geomorphological value, with only a small section of coastline in Weymouth omitted.
- 4.1.4 West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland has 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 West Dorset District Council's Contaminated Land Strategy 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 includes the following text relating to agricultural land:

“Local planning authorities should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. Where

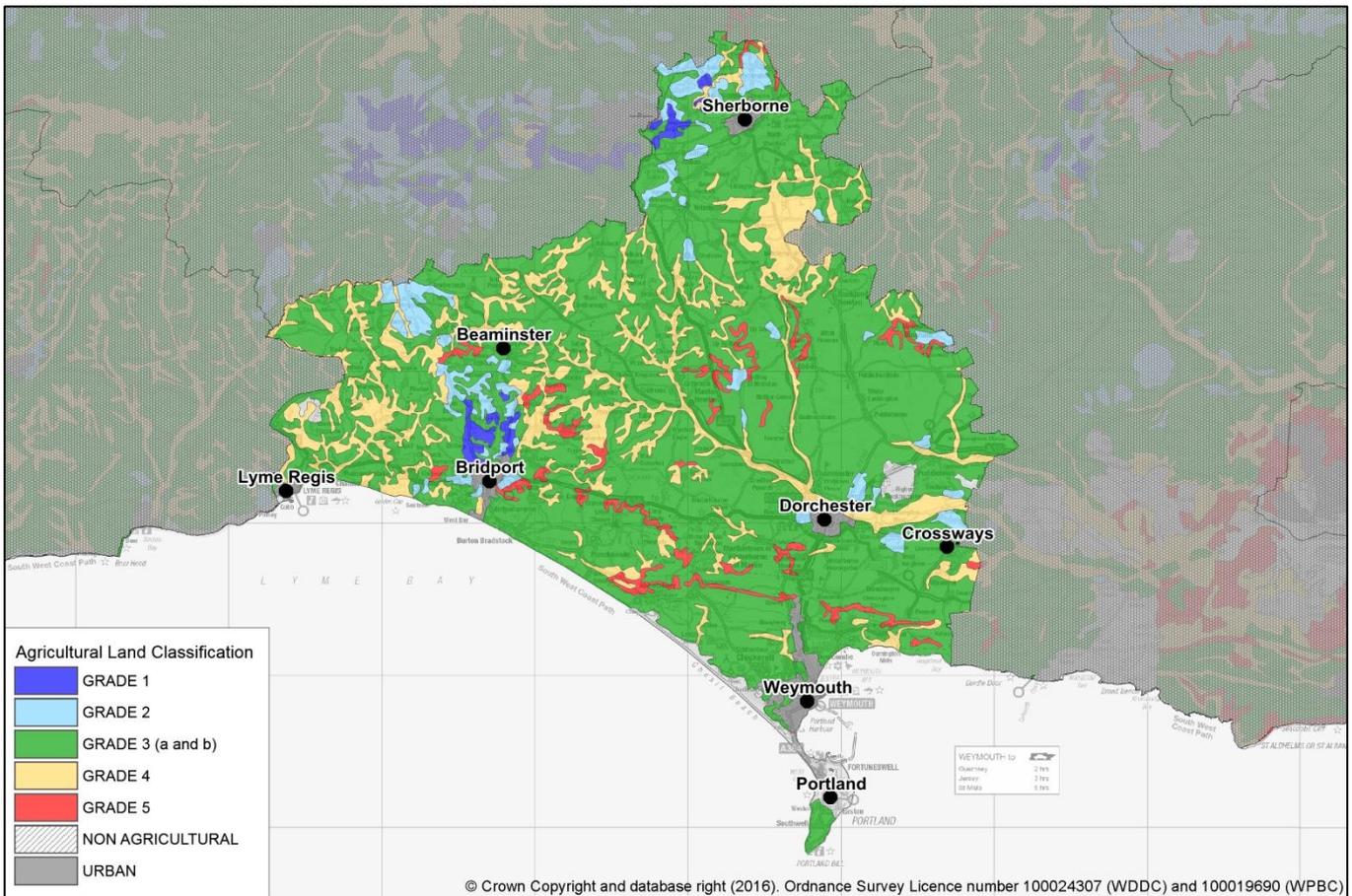
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significant development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, local planning authorities should seek to use areas of poorer quality land in preference to that of a higher quality³.

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

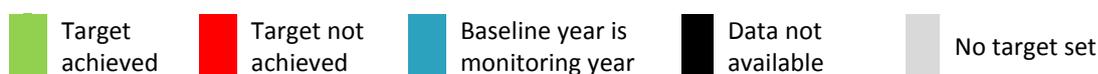


³ Paragraph 112, National Planning Policy Framework, DCLG (March 2012)

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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	888ha	48ha
Condition of sites designated for their nature conservation interest.	Net increase	✓	✓
Heathland bird populations.	No net decrease	✓	✓
Visitor numbers to protected Heathland Sites	No net increase	No data	
Visitor numbers to SANGs following implementation	Net increase	No SANGS provided at this time	

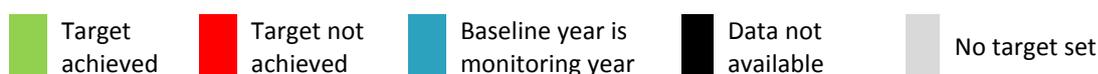
- 4.2.1 The monitoring for the wildlife and habitats policy (ENV 2) of the Local Plan showed that the total area of land covered by wildlife designations increased across the Local Authority Area. In West Dorset there was a net increase (888ha) in the amount of land designated for its intrinsic nature conservation value. The majority of the increase was from international sites (913ha in West Dorset and 52ha in Weymouth and Portland) with a slight reduction in the area designated for national and regional designations (25ha in West Dorset and 4ha in Weymouth and Portland) this resulted in a net increase of 48ha and 888ha in Weymouth & Portland and West Dorset respectively. More information is available on the increase in nature conservation areas in West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland figure A6 in appendix A.
- 4.2.2 There has been some work looking into the condition of nature conservation sites primarily focusing on the current state of the nationally designated SSSI's (Sites of Specific Scientific Interest), with some evidence also assessing regional and local designations.
- 4.2.3 In relation to the SSSI data there was no new assessments carried out by Natural England for any of the SSSI's in West Dorset or Weymouth and Portland since the previous monitoring year.
- 4.2.4 The regional/local designations, records positive conservation management between the baseline taken in 2009 to 2017, as shown in appendix B (Figure B3). The results in Weymouth and Portland show there was a significant increase from the baseline

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(25.16%) between 2009-2017, with an increase also seen in West Dorset (15.68%) over the same time period. The increase from the baseline in West Dorset regional/local habitats (15.68%) is slightly lower than the increase across Dorset as a whole (18.54%). However the Weymouth and Portland percentage (25.16%) is far higher than the Dorset average (18.54%) . It is understood that the large increase in Weymouth and Portland is due to the work of the SSCI (Sites of Nature Conservation Interest) project (more information on the SSCI project can be found at: <https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/ssci.html>).

- 4.2.5 The monitoring of policy ENV 2 also showed the population of Heathland Birds at Winfrith and Tadnoll Heath had slightly increased, with 33 Dartford Warblers and Nightjars sighted in 2016/17. In exact numbers there were slightly fewer Dartford Warblers recorded and slightly more Nightjars, resulting in an increase in the heathland bird population overall. However no Woodlarks were recorded, as shown in Appendix B, Figure B4.
- 4.2.6 Overall the results show an increase from the baseline in the nature conservation areas across the Local Plan area, an increase in the total area designated for nature conservation and an increase in the number of Heathland Birds recorded, showing three of the targets for policy ENV2 have been reached.



Monitoring Indicator	Target	WDDC	WPBC
ENV 4 - Heritage Assets		Number of Assests	
Number of designated heritage assets at risk	No net increase	127	
Number of conservation areas with up to date appraisals (assessed every 10 years)	At least 65%	63%	
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	5	7
The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3.	No net increase	171ha	71ha
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

- 4.2.7 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 decreased from 128 to 127 (see Appendix B, Figure B7).

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- 4.2.8 The percentage of conservation areas with up to date appraisals across West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland has remained constant, with no new Conservation Area Appraisals adopted in the current monitoring year.
- 4.2.9 There were 12 planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on flood defence grounds during the monitoring year 2016/17, with 5 in West Dorset and 7 in Weymouth and Portland.
- 4.2.10 In relation to flooding, there has been an overall decrease in the amount of area designated within Flood Zone 3 between 2015/16 and 2016/17 in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland. In West Dorset since 2015/16 flood zone 3 has decreased by 171ha (0.1% of the total area), whilst in Weymouth and Portland flood zone 3 has decreased by 71ha (1.6% of the total area) since 2015/16. As shown in the table below.

ENV 5: Flood Risk										
Indicator = The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3										
	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Plan Area (ha) in Flood Zone 3 (approx.)	3,656	3,851	3,659	3,831	3,660	431	510	433	504	433
Plan Area in Flood Zone 3 (%)	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	10.0%	11.9%	10.1%	11.7%	10.1%

Source: Environment Agency

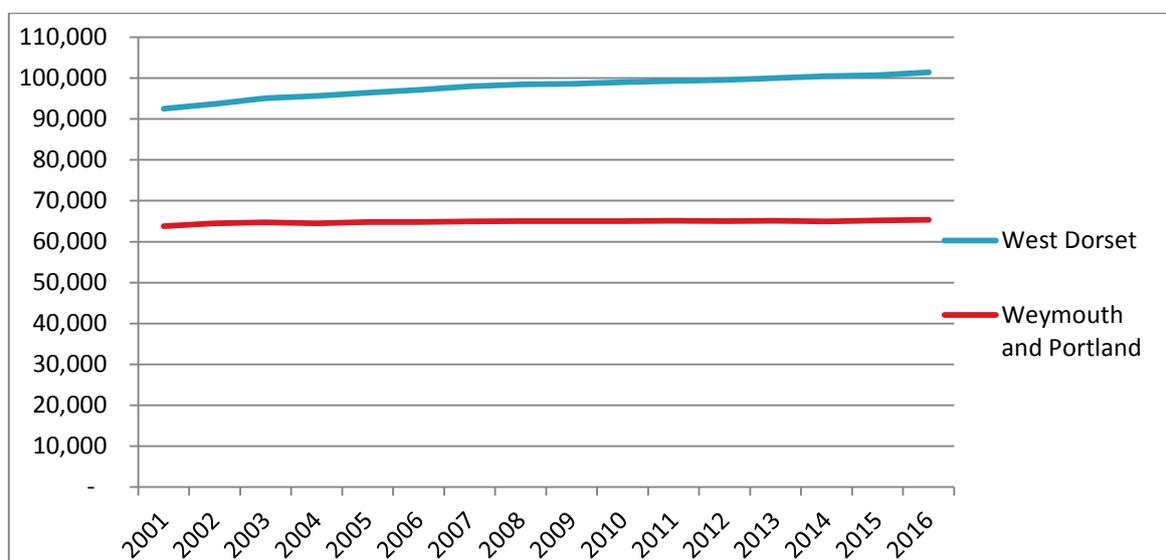
- 4.2.11 As part of the Local Plan Review, the Councils will be considering their approach to areas at risk from coastal change. Related to these areas, it may be that permissions will be granted to relocate existing buildings to areas at lower risk. There have been no permissions granted to facilitate 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 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 West Dorset has experienced a population increase of 9.6% between 2001 and 2016, with a 2.5% population increase in Weymouth and Portland over the same time period. Although both of areas had a lower population increase than England & Wales on average (11.5% increase), both areas still showed a population increase and therefore require additional housing and employment areas for the additional population.

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



- 5.1.3 The most recent population projections⁴ of West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland from 2014-2039 show that the populations are likely to increase by 11.6% and 5.8% respectively, with the majority of this increase as a result from internal migration (migration from other parts of the country).
- 5.1.4 West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland has a greater proportion of residents within the older populations brackets (aged 60 or more) than the England and Wales average. Accordingly, there is a smaller proportion of residents in the younger age group and those of working age. Future projections also indicate that there will be a significant increase in the proportion of residents in the over 65 age group and a decrease in the

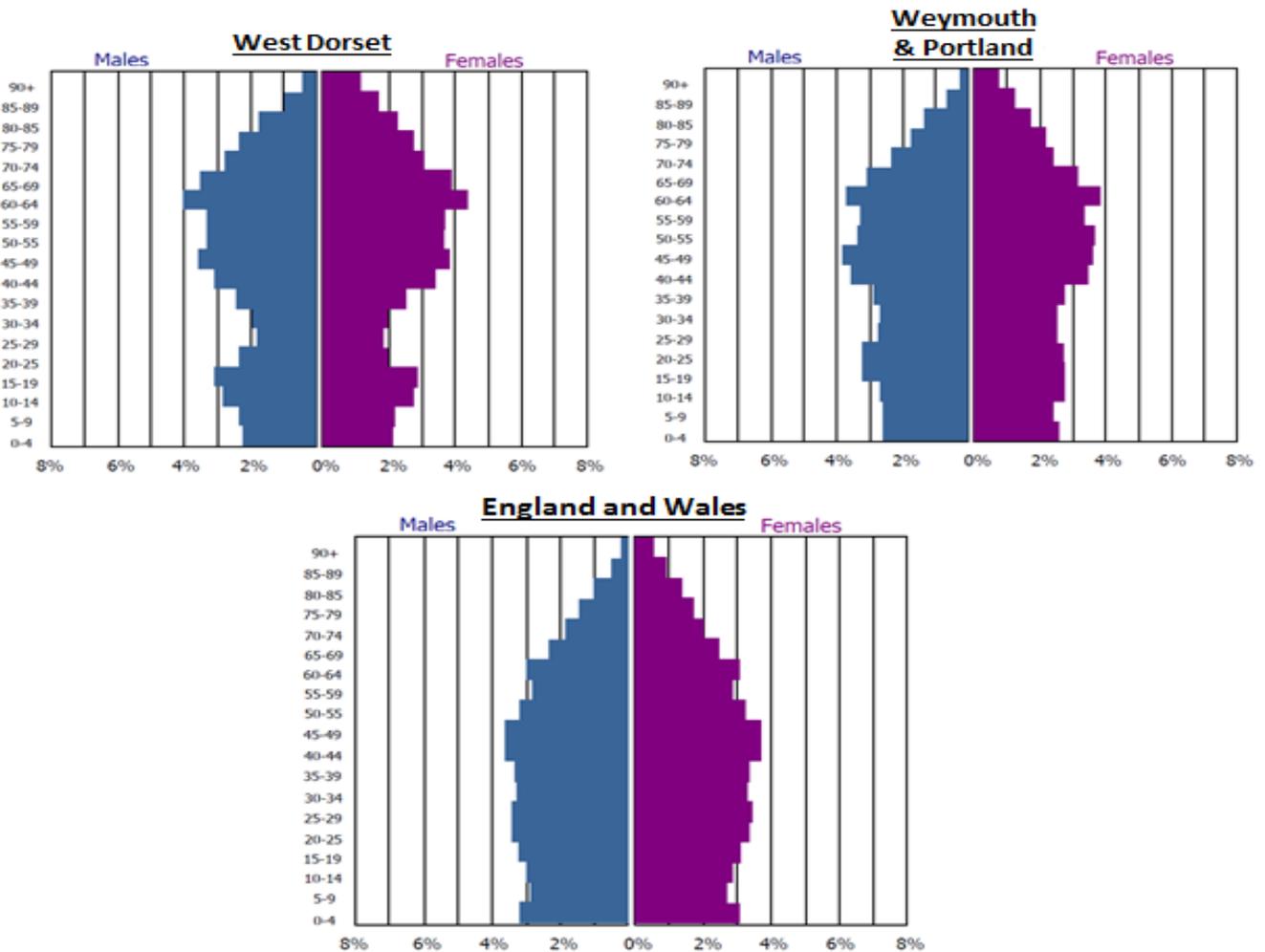
⁴ 2014-based Subnational population projections
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/componentsofchangebirthsdeathsandmigrationforregionsandlocalauthoritiesinenglandtable5>

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proportion of residents in the under 65 bracket, confirming an ageing population as shown in figure 5.2 below.

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



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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	0.25ha	
	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)	64.07ha	
	Annual housing completions within the plan area	775 dpa	772	
	Five year supply of housing land within the plan area and by local planning authority area.	5 years	4.94years (as at April 2017)	
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.	7	1
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.	0ha	0ha

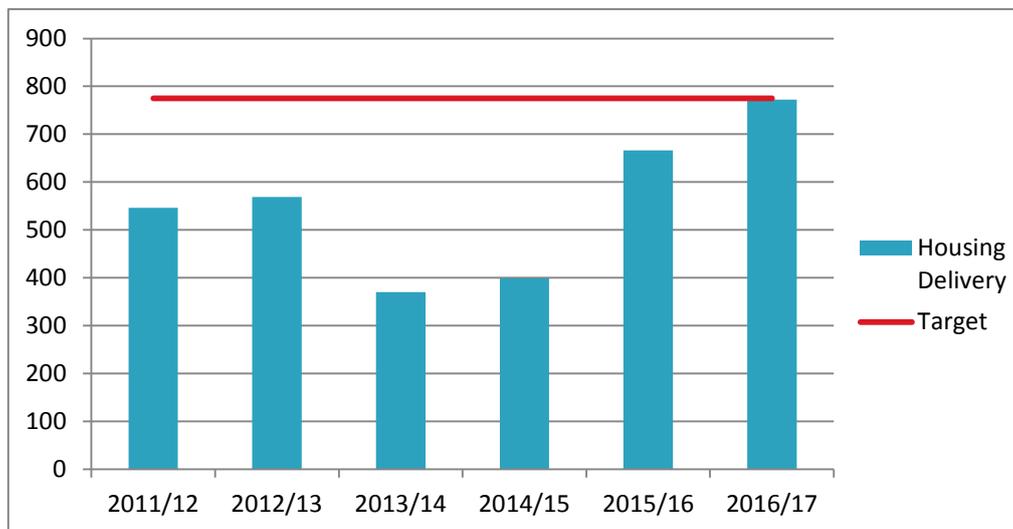
5.2.1 Whilst the target for the amount of land developed for employment use was not met in West Dorset or Weymouth & Portland in 2016/17, the supply of employment land exceeds the target. In more detail the total requirement for employment land over the entire plan period (2011-2031) is 60.3 years. Including completions since 2011 and current permissions and commencements there is a total employment land supply of 64.07ha, indicating that land for employment use is available to meet future needs.

5.2.2 In relation to housing delivery the housing target in the adopted Local Plan is 775 dwellings per annum. Although delivery this year has been higher than levels seen after the recession in 2009/10, delivery has still fallen below the target, with a net delivery of 772 dwellings in 2016/17, as shown in figure 5.3 below.

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Figure 5.3: Housing delivery in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland from 2011/12 to 2016/17



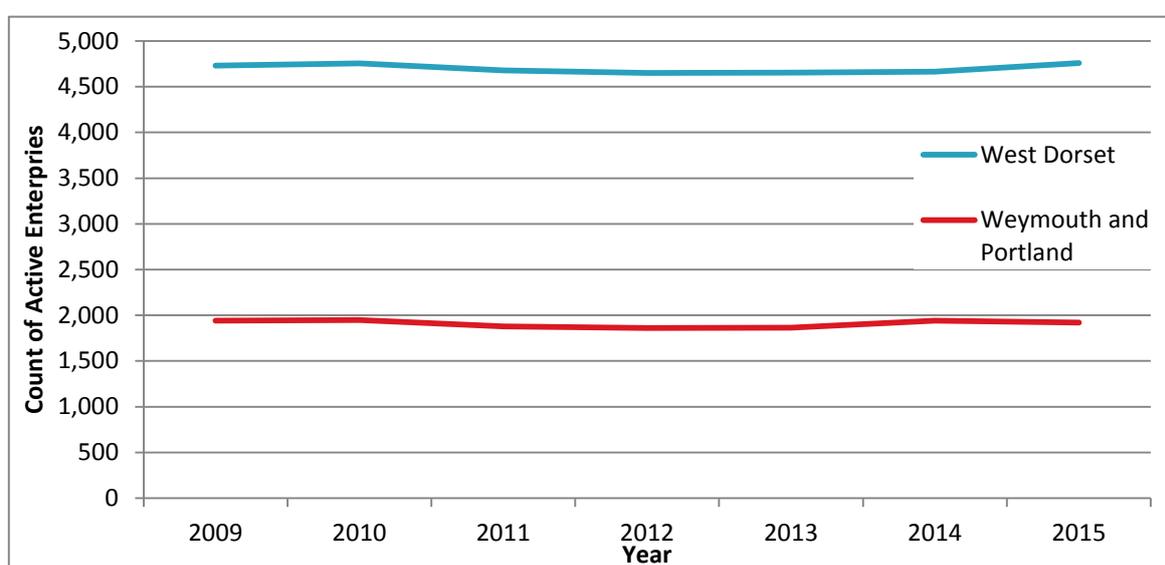
- 5.2.3 The 5-year housing land supply for the plan area is 4.94 years. This is below the 5 years required under national planning policy.
- 5.2.4 In relation to the other monitoring indicators, policy SUS4 showed that 7 buildings were re-used or replaced outside the Defined Development Boundaries (DDB) in West Dorset and 1 in Weymouth and Portland.
- 5.2.5 No neighbourhood plans were made in the monitoring period therefore no additional land allocations through neighbourhood plans added to the housing land supply.
- 5.2.6 There were no Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right to Build Orders adopted within the plan area during 2016/17.

6 Economy

6.1. BACKGROUND

6.1.1 A 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. The number of business across the area has stayed fairly constant since 2009 in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland. As shown in the table below:

Figure 6.1: Number of Active Enterprises in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland (Source: Dorset Statistics)



6.1.2 The low level of increase in businesses in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland is very similar to the low level of increase seen in Dorset as a whole, with a small increase of 1.35% in the number of businesses across the County. This is far lower than the regional increase of 7.22% in the South West, which is also lower than the national increase of 14.65% since 2009.

6.1.3 In terms of the size of businesses in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, the area has a much higher percentage of smaller enterprises, for example in West Dorset 85% of businesses employ less than 10 people. There is a similar pattern in Weymouth and Portland with 83% of businesses employing less than 10 people.

6.1.4 In terms of the proportion of the work force in certain sectors, West Dorset has a higher percentage of employees in the human health and social work sector (18.3%) whilst Weymouth and Portland has a higher proportion of employees working in the wholesale and retail trade sector (19.6%) closely followed by the food and accommodation sector (17.7%).

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6.1.5 Unemployment in West Dorset has decreased overall since 2009 from 1.7% to 0.6% in 2017, just below the Dorset average of 0.7% and national average of 1.9%. In Weymouth and Portland unemployment rates have also decreased since 2009, from 3.3% to 1.3% in 2017. This level of unemployment in Weymouth and Portland is still however above the Dorset wide average of 0.7% but below the national average of 1.9%.

6.2. 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 (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	0.22ha	
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	0.27ha (Total including the 0.22ha on key employment sites)	
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% in secondary frontages	6.2% (Primary)	12.3% (Primary)
			7% (Secondary)	21.7% (Secondary)
	Amount of proposed retail development each year and amount located in town centres	No target set	-32m ²	998m 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	0	0

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 0.27ha was lost to non employment uses in 2016/17, with 0.22ha of this development occurring on key employment sites.

6.2.2 The surveying of primary and secondary frontages in town centre locations (ECON 4) for the monitoring of Retail and Town Centre Development was done late 2016. The testing including assessing the town centres of Dorchester, Lyme Regis and Sherborne in West Dorset and the town centre of Weymouth for Weymouth and Portland. The results

show the average taken of the town centres in West Dorset are well below the threshold of 25%. 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 in West Dorset only 6.2% of primary frontages and 7% of secondary frontages are used for purposes besides retail. In Weymouth and Portland 12.3% of primary frontages and 21.7% of secondary frontages were used for purposes besides retail. This shows the town centre of Weymouth especially in the secondary frontages are getting close to the threshold.

- 6.2.3 A wider study of the town centres across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland is currently being undertaken by an external consultant as part of a larger retail study which has not been completed at this time. However the results of the report will be available separately in 2018.
- 6.2.4 The second indicator for policy ECON 4 showed there was only a loss in retail development in town centres in West Dorset with a proposed loss of 32m² of retail space in the town centres in 2016/17. There is also a larger retail unit proposed in West Dorset with an additional 2,304m² of floorspcae, however this is not located in a town centre therefore cannot be recorded in the monitoring indicator. In Weymouth and Portland only 998m² of retail development was proposed in 2016/17. However there were also retail losses recorded in the town centre with an overall loss of 224m² in Weymouth and Portland.
- 6.2.5 The monitoring of policy ECON 7 (Caravan and Camping Sites) showed that in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland there were 0 proposals of extensions to, or development of new, caravan and camping sites within the Heritage Coast in the 2016/17 monitoring year.

7 Housing

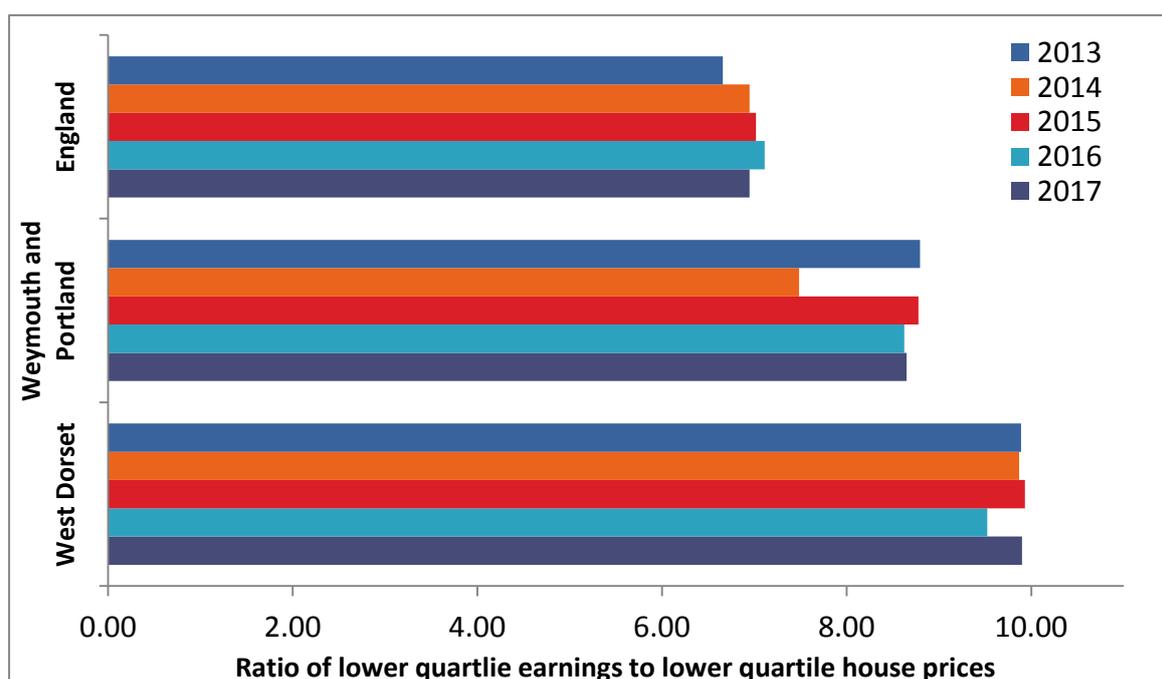
7.0. BACKGROUND

7.0.1 One of the key strategic objectives in the adopted Local Plan is to meet local housing needs for all as far as possible. 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 2017 (£275,000⁵) was significantly higher than in the South West (£233,000⁶) and in England and Wales (£220,000⁷). Whilst average house prices were lower in Weymouth & Portland (£205,000) than average prices across the South West and 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 ratio of lower quartile house prices to lower quartile income in 2017 was higher in both West Dorset (9.90) and Weymouth & Portland (8.65) than in England as a whole (6.95), suggesting a disparity in house prices and incomes across both council areas, particularly notable in West Dorset. The following figure shows the change in the ratio since 2013 in lower quartile house prices to lower quartile earnings. The overall figures show affordability ratios have stayed fairly consistent in recent years across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

Figure 7.1: Ratio of lower quartile earnings to lower quartile house prices in WDDC and WPBC in comparison to England as a whole (Source: ONS (Ratio of house price to residence-based earnings (lower quartile and median))

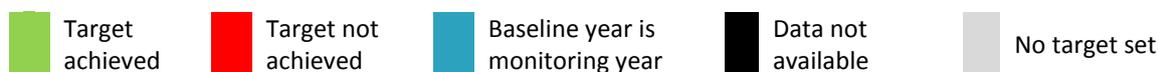


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7.1. PERFORMANCE OF PLANNING POLICIES

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	14%	24%
	The amount of money collected for affordable housing development schemes.	No target set	£53,688	£0
HOUS 2 Affordable Housing Exception Sites	The number of affordable housing units completed on exception sites.	No target set.	8	0

- 7.1.1 The Local Plan (2015) includes a split affordable housing policy for 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 2016/17, there were 74 affordable housing units secured through open market development (14% of the total amount of dwellings delivered) in West Dorset and 38 affordable housing units secured through open market development (24% of the total amount of dwellings delivered) in Weymouth & Portland. There were also 10 affordable housing units provided on exception sites in West Dorset.
- 7.1.3 Although this affordable housing delivery falls below the targets, especially in West Dorset it is partly a result of the changes to the affordable housing threshold, which 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.
- 7.1.4 In relation to contributions, £53,688 was collected for off-site affordable housing schemes in West Dorset with none collected in Weymouth & Portland.
- 7.1.5 Policy HOUS3 seeks to deliver a mix of housing, this is measured through an assessment of the number dwellings completed by size (number of bedrooms) for all completions of affordable and open market housing. Although there is no specific target included for

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this monitoring indicator it is important a variety of homes are delivered to fit the requirements across the district.

- 7.1.6 The figure below (7.4) breaks down the delivery of homes across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland in more detail.

Figure 7.4: HOUS3 – Open market housing mix provided 2016/17.

Indicator = The number of homes permitted by size (bedrooms) and type (Gross).								
Houses	WDDC				WPBC			
Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	2	4	13	10	4	12	6	0
2 Bed	12	42	113	77	35	19	25	44
3 Bed	56	58	147	123	34	20	42	47
4 Bed+	56	42	76	93	15	9	18	26
Sub Total	126	146	349	302	88	60	91	117
Flats	WDDC				WPBC			
Type	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	91	58	24	150	19	23	55	35
2 Bed	50	32	92	198	25	25	42	49
3 Bed	3	0	0	38	0	0	12	8
4 Bed+	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sub Total	144	90	116	386	44	48	110	92
Total	270	236	465	688	132	108	201	209

7.2. SELF BUILD

- 7.2.1 Relevant authorities (which includes local planning 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 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'
- 7.2.3 The demand for self build and custom housebuilding is based on the number of application received in a given 'base period' and the demand is evidenced by the number of people on the self-build register kept by the authority. 'The first base period begins on the day on which the register (which meets the requirement of the 2015 Act) is established, and ends on 30 October 2016. Each subsequent base period is the period

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of 12 months beginning immediately after the end of the previous base period (31 October to 30 October each year).

- 7.2.4 At the end of each base period, relevant authorities have 3 years in which to permission an equivalent number of plots of land, which are suitable for self-build and custom housebuilding, as there are entries for that base period. This is detailed in the following figure:

	3 years to permission sufficient land to match demand				
Registration Period	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Base Period 1 (1st April 2016 - 30th October 2016)					
Base Period 2 (31st October 2016 - 30th October 2017)					
Base Period 3 (31st October 2017- 30th October 2018)					

- 7.2.5 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 Local Plan Review. As an interim measure the Councils will use single plot permissions to evidence the supply of plots.

- 7.2.6 The West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland Self-build Registers were launched on 1 April 2016. The number of individuals on the self build register is included in figure 2.5 below.

Figure 2.5: Individuals on the self build register in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland (2015-2017)

West Dorset

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 (01/04/16 – 30/10/16)	56	N/A	56	97	-41
Period 2 (31/10/16 – 30/10/17)	65	-41	24	73	-49

Weymouth & Portland

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 (01/04/16 – 30/10/16)	28	N/A	28	26	2
Period 2 (31/10/16 – 30/10/17)	27	2	29	30	-1

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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	6	2
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	1	0
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	1
COM 11 Renewable Energy Development	Annual energy generation by installed capacity and type	Net increase in installed capacity by type	✓	✓

8.2.1 In relation to COM 2 there have been 6 applications for additional or extensions to different community buildings/structures in West Dorset, with 2 in Weymouth and Portland.

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 successful in preventing the loss of community buildings and structures in Weymouth and Portland and West Dorset with only 1 loss recorded in West Dorset and no records of community buildings being lost to other uses in Weymouth and Portland. Overall the gains in community facilities in West Dorset showed no net loss of community facilities.

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- 8.2.3 In relation to COM 5, there were 3 records of additional open space and recreational facilities in West Dorset and 1 in Weymouth and Portland.
- 8.2.4 There is no new renewable energy data available at this time and the figures are included from last years data.

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 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 SSSI's which although aren't monitored annually gives a representation if sites are generally improving or declining. In total there are 52 SSSI's in West Dorset and 9 in Weymouth and Portland that have been monitored covering a total area of 4,529 hectares.

	Destroyed (ha)	Part Destroyed (ha)	Unfavourable Declining (ha)	Un-favourable no change (ha)	Un-favourable Recovering (ha)	Favourable (ha)	Total (ha)
WDDC	0	0	195.66	121.28	804.35	1,777.69	2,899
WPBC	0.95	1.03	38.37	119.77	464.86	1,004.79	1,630
%	0.02%	0.02%	5.17%	5.32%	28.03%	61.44%	4,529

- 9.1.2 The monitoring of the sites by Natural England shows that the largest area monitored is in a favourable condition with 61.4% of the total monitored area in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland being in a favourable condition. There is also a high percentage of the SSSI's that are recovering, with 28% of the SSSI's monitored across West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland being in an unfavourable recovering condition.

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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 2014/15 to 2016/17. The changes to the designated area show how much of the area is still considered to be of a high enough quality to continue to be designated.

Ecological designation	Year	West Dorset			Weymouth & Portland		
		Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha)	Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha)
				compared with 15/16			compared with 15/16
International (SAC, SPA, Ramsar)	14/15	2,563	2.36%		625	14.50%	
	15/16	2,557	2.32%		624	14.50%	
	16/17	3,470	3.20%	913	676	15.80%	52

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

9.2.3 Overall the total area designated internationally has significantly increased since 2014/15 in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland, with an additional 913ha designated in West Dorset and an additional 52 designated in Weymouth and Portland. This relates to table the net increase in area wildlife designations.

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 is a way of monitoring the quality of the heathland.

Species	Number of Birds				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Dartford Warbler	13	17	18	15	14
Nightjar	18	22	12	16	19
Woodlark	0	0	1	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 Warbler's and Nightjar's are showing to be fairly consistent with small fluctuations in numbers since 2012/13 to 2016/17.

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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 that the ecological status of the rivers across Dorset are declining somewhat with several rivers falling from Moderate to Poor status.

		Ecological status or potential				Chemical status		
	Number of water bodies	Bad	Poor	Moderate	Good	High	Fail	Good
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.

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

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

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

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

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

- 9.3.4 The above tables show that the ecological water quality in the Asker has declined from Moderate to Poor between 2013 to 2016. Whilst the chemical water quality in the Asker has remained good.
- 9.3.5 The water quality in the Upper Brit river and catchment area has remained good since 2013 for both ecological and chemical water quality. The Mangerton Brook river and catchment has increased in quality since 2013 with ecological water quality moving from moderate to good between 2013 to 2016. However the Simene river and catchment area has moved from good quality to moderate quality in terms of ecological quality however it has remain good in terms of chemical quality from 2013 to 2016.

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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, particulate matters and lead. The framework sets European wide Limits, which form the basis of the national air quality objectives in national legislation⁸.
- 9.4.2 To ensure that air quality improves in areas of higher pollution levels in 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.

Monitoring Site	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dorchester					
High West Street (711)	38.7	38.4	40.1	38.2	34.4
High East Street (714)	42.1	42.3	37.5	46.7	38.4
Bridport					
East Road (717)	43.1	43.7	43.1	41.7	42.7
East Road (730)	57.5	56.6	64.6	58.5	53.0
Chideock					
Duck Street (724)	45.8	45.2	42.9	36.7	36.7
Village Hall (726)	50.5	49.5	45.4	41.8	39.2
Main Street (727)	51.5	53.3	55.3	53.0	50.0

Source: WDDC - 2016 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR)⁹

- 9.4.4 The results in the table above show the results from 2011 to the most recent results recorded in 2015. The results show that the NO₂ levels in Dorchester have gone back down to safer levels of 34.4µg/m³ and 38.4µg/m³ at High West Street and High East Street respectively.
- 9.4.5 In Bridport the concentration of NO₂ has decreased in both monitoring locations, however both sites still exceed the maximum concentration of 40µg/m³ included in the

⁸ <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/quality/standards.htm>

⁹ https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/media/223106/Air-Quality-Annual-Status-Report-2016/pdf/Air_Quality_Annual_Status_Report_2016.pdf

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EU air quality standards, therefore more work still needs to be done to improve air quality in Bridport.

- 9.4.6 The three monitoring locations in Chideock show that two of the locations now have acceptable concentrations of NO₂, with the monitoring location of Duck Street showing a concentration of 36.7µg/m³ and the village hall monitoring location falling just below acceptable the acceptable concentration with a yearly average of 39.2µg/m³. However the Main Street monitoring location still exceeds the acceptable concentration level with a yearly average of 50µg/m³. This shows more still needs to be done in this location to bring the air quality to an acceptable standard.
- 9.4.7 The locations of all the monitoring sites in Chideock, Bridport and Dorchester are included in the maps in appendix B, figure B31.

9.5. ACCESS TO SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- 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. West Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland have used a slightly different methodology to monitor the sustainability of new developments in the Local Authority area, the key services and facilities have been split into three 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 have been tested using a 5 mile radius for each section, as in very rural parts of Dorset this can be a significant distance to travel.
- 9.5.2 The following table separates the percentage of residential completions in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland which is more than 5 miles away from key services and facilities.

Facilities and Services	Percentage of housing completions more than 5 miles from key facilities and services in West Dorset	Percentage of housing completions more than 5 miles from key facilities and services in Weymouth and Portland
Access to Medical Facilities	2.9%	0%
Access to Schools	0%	0%
Access to other facilities	4.4%	0%

Source: WDDC and WPBC

- 9.5.3 The table above shows that very low levels of housing completions have been carried out in West Dorset over 5 miles away from key services and facilities. The table shows that no new developments were carried out more than 5 miles away from either a primary, secondary or higher educational facility, and only 4.4% of completed

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residential developments in West Dorset were completed more than 5 miles away from other key facilities including supermarkets, larger convenience shops or a train station.

- 9.5.4 In Weymouth and Portland all residential development completions were within 5 miles of all three categories of services and facilities.

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 since 2013/14 to 2016/17, including percentages of the total number of dwellings delivered in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

- 9.6.3 The following table includes the number of affordable homes delivered on exception sites in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

WDDC (Affordable homes completed on Exception sites)					WPBC (Affordable homes completed on Exception sites)				
2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
5	7	60	6	8	0	0	0	0	0

Source: WDDC and WPBC

- 9.6.4 The following tables include the number of households on the waiting list split into the type of properties they require.

	West Dorset 2016/2017	Weymouth & Portland 2016/2017	Total
Single person requiring studios or 1 bed	663	771	1,434
Couple requiring studios or 1 bed	228	169	397
Family requiring 2 beds	429	372	801
Family requiring 3 beds	199	194	393
Family requiring 4 beds	34	58	92
Family requiring 4-5 beds	11	7	18
Family requiring 4-6 beds	2	0	2
Total	1,566	1,571	3,137

Source: WDDC and WPBC

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9.6.5 The above table shows there is a total affordable need in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland for 3,137 with the majority of the need for 1 bed/studio's and 2 bed houses. However it does show there is a considerable disparity between the number of affordable homes required and the number delivered in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland which is shown in the table below.

Source: WDDC and WPBC

	West Dorset				Weymouth & Portland			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total affordable housing units	39	50	82	82	24	13	80	41
Total number of completions	259	251	465	603	113	148	201	169
% of affordable housing secured	15%	20%	18%	14%	21%	9%	40%	24%

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

Figure A1 - Population

Population Size		West Dorset	Weymouth & Portland	England & Wales
	2001	92,500	63,760	52,359,980
	2016 (SNPP dataset)	101,380	65,370	58,381,220
	Increase since 2001	9.60%	2.5%	11.5%
	2039 (projected population)	112,200	68,800	63,281,500 (England only)

Source: Office for National Statistics (2016)

Figure A2 - Dwellings

No. of Dwellings		West Dorset	Weymouth & Portland	Dorset (DCC area)	England
	2011	49,320	30,997	194,944	22,976,066
	2014	49,610	31,230	196,860	23,394,740
	2016	50,110	31,520	198,820	23,765,650
	2017	50,670	31,770	200,260	25,410,360

Source: ONS Council Tax: Stock of properties 2017

Figure A3 – Historic Housing Delivery in West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland

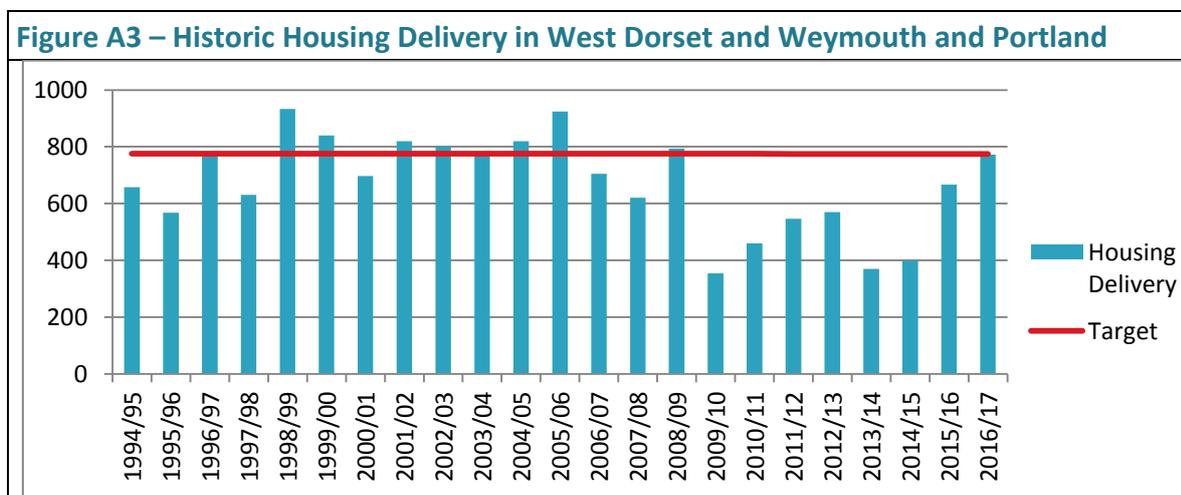


Figure A4 - Crime

Crime type (per 1,000 population)	West Dorset				Weymouth & Portland				Dorset			
	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Dwelling Burglary (per 1,000 households)	1.9	0.97	1.33	1.34	4.8	1.75	1.75	1.74	2.6	1.18	1.36	1.34
Violent Crime (against the person)	5.5	8.63	11.29	9.8	12.2	17.79	25.7	23.9	5.8	8.74	12.45	11.4
Criminal	6.7	6.13	7.3	7.3	12.4	11.71	11.86	11.85	7.2	6.52	7.0	7.0

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Damage (inc. Arson)												
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Source: DCC (December 2017)

Figure A5 - Employment				
Number of people in employment by sector in 2015 (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	50,000	18,100
	Total agriculture	1,200 (2.4%)	100 (0.4%)	3,000 (1.9%)
	Mining and Quarrying	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	400 (0.3%)
	Manufact'ng	4,400 (8.9%)	800 (4.1%)	17,000 (10.6%)
	Electricity, Gas, Steam etc	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	(0.0%)
	Water waste sewerage etc	220 (0.5%)	tbc (0.2%)	1,100 (0.7%)
	Construction	2,600 (5.2%)	800 (4.6%)	9,700 (6.1%)
	Wholesale / retail trade; motor repair	7,500 (15.0%)	3,600 (19.6%)	27,000 (17.0%)
	Transport and storage	700 (1.4%)	600 (3.3%)	4,800 (3.0%)
	Accom'dtion and food	4,600 (9.1%)	3,200 (17.7%)	15,400 (9.7%)
	Information and comms	700 (1.4%)	200 (1.0%)	3,300 (2.0%)
	Financial & insurance activities	400 (0.8%)	200 (0.9%)	1,600 (1.0%)
	Real estate activities	900 (1.8%)	200 (1.1%)	2,800 (1.7%)
	Professional, scientific & technical	6,000 (11.9%)	1,300 (7.3%)	14,400 (9.0%)
	Admin and support services	1,900 (3.7%)	600 (3.1%)	6,500 (4.0%)
	Public admin & defence; social secr'ty	3,800 (7.5%)	900 (5.0%)	7,800 (4.9%)
	Education	4,200 (8.4%)	1,900 (10.7%)	14,600 (9.2%)
	Human health and social work	9,200 (18.3%)	2,800 (15.4%)	22,400 (14.0%)
	Arts, entertainmt & recreation	1,100 (2.1%)	600 (3.5%)	4,100 (2.6%)
	Other services	700 (1.5%)	300 (1.6%)	3,700 (2.3%)

Source: Data provided by ONS (figures updated 2016)

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Average Earnings ASHE	West Dorset			Weymouth & Portland			England & Wales	
	14/15	15/16	16/17	14/15	15/16	16/17	15/16	16/17
	Residence	£502.7	£500.3	£487.1	£445.7	£491.4	£488	£529.9
Workplace	£472.4	£479.1	£475.8	£425.9	£460.5	£472.9	£529.9	£541

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2016) Dorset Statistics, DCC

Figure A6 – Environment							
Ecological designation	Year	West Dorset			Weymouth & Portland		
		Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha) compared with 15/16	Area Hectares	% area covered	Difference (ha) compared with 15/16
		International (SAC, SPA, Ramsar)	14/15	2,563	2.36%		625
	15/16	2,557	2.32%		624	14.50%	
	16/17	3,470	3.20%	913	676	15.80%	52
National (SSSI)	14/15	3,646	3.36%		803	18.70%	
	15/16	3,647	3.36%		803	18.70%	
	16/17	3,630	3.35%	-17	799	18.60%	-4
Regional	14/15	5,051	4.65%		111	2.60%	
	15/16	5,097	4.69%		111	2.60%	
	16/17	5,089	4.69%	-8	111	2.60%	0
All	14/15	11,260	10.39%		1,539	35.89%	
	15/16	11,301	10.42%		1,538	35.87%	
	16/17	12,189	11.24%	888	1,586	36.99%	48

Source: Natural England, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland (2016/17)

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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 (2016/17)							
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	14/01/09
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	08/03/12
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			5.06		8.38	130.92	13/08/11

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and Luccas Farm							
Frogden Quarry						0.19	11/03/15
Frome St Quintin					23.45	9.20	30/03/12
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	62.09	11/07/12
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
Morcombela ke				11.70	2.93	8.31	25/11/10
Peashill Quarry						0.44	15/01/09

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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				06/08/13
River Axe (West Dorset Section)			0.19				08/12/10
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	15/07/11
TOTAL	0	0	195.66	121.28	804.35	1,777.69	

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Source: Natural England

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			5.53	71.61	113.83	792.20	24/02/16
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					52.44	7.57	30/09/13
Total	0.95	1.03	38.37	119.77	464.86	1,004.79	

Source: Natural England

Figure B3 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats							
Indicator = condition of Designated Sites (regional/local sites)							
SNClS & RIGS W&P	Number of sites at March 16 (year 8)	Number of sites at March 09 (baseline) % increase	Baseline 2009		Year 8 - 2016		% increase against Baseline
			Number qualify	% qualify	Number qualify	% qualify	
W&P	36	34	16	47.06	26	72.22	25.16
WD	622	600	340	56.67	450	72.35	15.68
ALL DORSET	1,369	1,330	629	47.29	900	65.74	18.54

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Source: DERC 2017

Figure B4 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats
Indicator = Heathland bird population (at Winfrith and Tadnoll in 2016/17)

Species	Number of Birds				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Dartford Warbler	13	17	18	15	14
Nightjar	18	22	12	16	19
Woodlark	0	0	1	0	0

Source: RSPB (2017)

Figure B5 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats
Indicator = Visitor numbers to protected heathland sites.

	2014/15
Number of visitors to the SANGs	SANGS yet to be implemented

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B6 - ENV 2: Wildlife and Habitats
Indicator = Visitor numbers to SANGs following implementation.

	2016/17
Number of visitors to the SANGs	SANGS yet to be implemented

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B7 - ENV 4: Heritage Assets
Indicator = Number of designated heritage assets at risk

	West Dorset				Weymouth and Portland			
	Conservation Areas/Park Garden	Listed Buildings	Scheduled Monuments	Total	Conservation Areas/Park Garden	Listed Buildings	Scheduled Monuments	Total
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

Source: Historic England '2017 Heritage at Risk Register' (South West)

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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/16/000550	09/05/16	WDDC	Temporary classroom for courses in traditional skills, dry stone walling and hedge laying and temporary parking for 100 cars on show field on Saturdays and for festivals between July- September
WD/D/16/000956	08/06/16	WDDC	Demolition of existing former workshop buildings & construction of five no. dwellings
WD/D/16/001170	12/07/16	WDDC	Convert redundant building into a single residential dwelling
WD/D/16/001544	19/08/16	WDDC	Conversion of vacant garage & storage building into dwelling
WD/D/16/002783	31/01/17	WDDC	Demolition of existing barn and erect 1no single storey holiday let unit
WP/16/00076/FUL	07/04/16	WPBC	Installation of an automated petrol filling station and associated infrastructure (Full)
WP/16/00152/FUL	19/04/16	WPBC	Change of use from single dwelling house to 3 no. holiday flats
WP/16/00222/FUL	18/05/16	WPBC	Conversion and extension of existing dwelling to form two separate dwellings
WP/16/00337/FUL	01/06/16	WPBC	Demolition of existing bungalow & workshop. Erection of 8no. cottage style dwellings
WP/16/00398/FUL	08/07/16	WPBC	Convert the third floor to create 1 residential apartment
WP/16/00502/OUT	17/08/16	WPBC	Erect 7 dwellings with garages, new access road, junction, turning head and access bridge
WP/16/00587/FUL	31/10/16	WPBC	Erection of double garage, extension to existing dropped curb/highway access

Source: Environment Agency

Figure B9 - ENV 5: Flood Risk
Indicator = The extent of the plan area that lies within flood zone 3

	West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Total approximate Plan Area (ha) in Flood Zone 3	3,656	3,851	3,659	3,831	3,660	431	510	433	504	433
Plan Area in Flood Zone 3 (%)	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	3.5%	3.4%	10.0%	11.9%	10.1%	11.7%	10.1%

Source: Environment Agency

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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			
2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: WDDC & WPBC databases

Figure B11 - SUS 1: The Level of Economic and Housing Growth

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

	West Dorset & Weymouth and Portland (m ²)					
	2015/16					
	B1(a)	B1(other)	B2	B8	Mixed	Total
Floorspace Completed on Allocated Sites (m2)	220	576	150	0	1603	2549*
Floorspace Completed on unallocated Sites (m2)	114	936	369	51	0	1470*
Subtotal	334	1512	519	51	1603	4019*
Employment Completions on allocated sites (m2) (ha)	4,019 (0.4ha)					

Source: WPBC and WDDC. (* Figures may not sum exactly due to rounding)

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

	West Dorset & Weymouth and Portland (Gross ha)					
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total Employment Completions on allocated sites	2.60	4.39	1.61	4.20	5.50	0.40

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B13 - SUS 1: The Level of Economic and Housing Growth

Indicator = Employment land supply

	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland (ha)	
	2016/17	
Commenced on allocated Sites	22.00	
Permission on allocated sites	3.81	
Commenced on unallocated sites	2.63	
Permission on unallocated sites	8.06	

Source: WPBC and WDDC

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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
Weymouth & Portland					
Weymouth	186	68	124	161	26
Portland	19	44	24	40	143
Total	205	112	148	201	169
West Dorset					
Littlemoor	0	0	0	0	0
Chickerell	8	35	31	72	77
Dorchester	236	149	117	160	348
Crossways	38	7	0	4	3
Bridport	19	9	20	27	48
Beaminster	1	5	1	5	5
Lyme Regis	4	11	6	40	36
Sherborne	25	28	3	102	18
Rural WDDC	33	14	73	55	68
<i>Total</i>	<i>364</i>	<i>258</i>	<i>251</i>	<i>465</i>	<i>603</i>
TOTAL	569	370	399	666	772

Source: WDDC and WPBC

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			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total	31	61	8	7	5	6	0	1

Source: WDDC & WPBC (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												
	2014/15				2015/16				2016/17			
	West Dorset		West Dorset		West Dorset		West Dorset		West Dorset		Weymouth & Portland	
	Plans /	Plans /	Plans /	Plans /	Plans /	Land	Plans /	Land	Plans /	Land	Plans /	Land

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	Orders	Orders	Orders	Orders	Orders	Supply	Orders	Supply	Orders	Supply	Orders	Supply
Neighbourhood plans	1	3.3 Ha	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	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: WDDC & WPBC

Figure B17 - ECON2: Protection of Key Employment Sites
Indicator = Area of land granted permission for non employment uses on Key Employment Sites

	West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Area (ha) granted permission	0ha	0.3ha	1.5ha	0.13ha	0.38ha

Source: WDDC and WPBC

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				
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Area (ha) granted permission	0ha	2.25ha	2.74ha	0.31ha	0.27ha

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B19 - ECON4: Protection of Other Employment Sites
Indicator = Amount of completed retail development and amount located in town centres

	West Dorset				Weymouth & Portland			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Amount of completed retail floorspace	0.08ha	0 ha	0ha	-0.003ha	0.73ha	0.01ha	0ha	0.097ha

Source: WDDC & WPBC

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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			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
No of planning applications	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0

Source: WDDC & WPBC

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			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Total affordable housing units	39	50	82	82	24	13	80	41
Total number of completions	259	251	465	603	113	148	201	169
% of affordable housing secured	15%	20%	18%	14%	21%	9%	40%	24%

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B22 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing
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			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	19	6	7	10	6	2	45	0
2 Bed	14	17	13	20	13	10	22	11
3 Bed	3	3	7	17	5	1	11	3
4 Bed	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
5 Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	36	31	27	45	24	13	78	18
Intermediate Housing								
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	0	3	9	2	0	1	0	0

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2 Bed	0	12	27	23	0	1	2	15
3 Bed	3	4	19	11	0	3	0	8
4 Bed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
5 Bed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	19	55	37	0	5	2	23

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B23 - HOUS1: Affordable Housing
Indicator = The level of financial contribution secured for off-site delivery of affordable housing

West Dorset				Weymouth & Portland			
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
£161,000	£60,588	£0	£53,688	£0	£108,639	£10,000	£6,463

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B24 - HOUS2: Affordable Housing Exception Sites
Indicator = The number of affordable housing units completed on exception sites

West Dorset					Weymouth & Portland				
2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
5	7	60	6	8	0	0	0	0	0

Source: WDDC and WPBC

Figure B25 - HOUS3: Gross Housing Mix delivered (2016/17)

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

Houses	WDDC				WPBC			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	2	4	13	10	4	12	6	0
2 Bed	12	42	113	77	35	19	25	44
3 Bed	56	58	147	123	34	20	42	47
4 Bed+	56	42	76	93	15	9	18	26
Sub Total	126	146	349	302	88	60	91	117
Flats	WDDC				WPBC			
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
1 Bed	91	58	24	150	19	23	55	35
2 Bed	50	32	92	198	25	25	42	49
3 Bed	3	0	0	38	0	0	12	8
4 Bed+	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sub Total	144	90	116	386	44	48	110	92
Total	270	236	465	688	132	108	201	209

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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			
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
3	2	3	6	0	0	0	2

Source: WDDC & WPBC

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			
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
2	2	1	1	4	2	0	0

Source: WDDC & WPBC

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			
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1

Source: WDDC & WPBC

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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

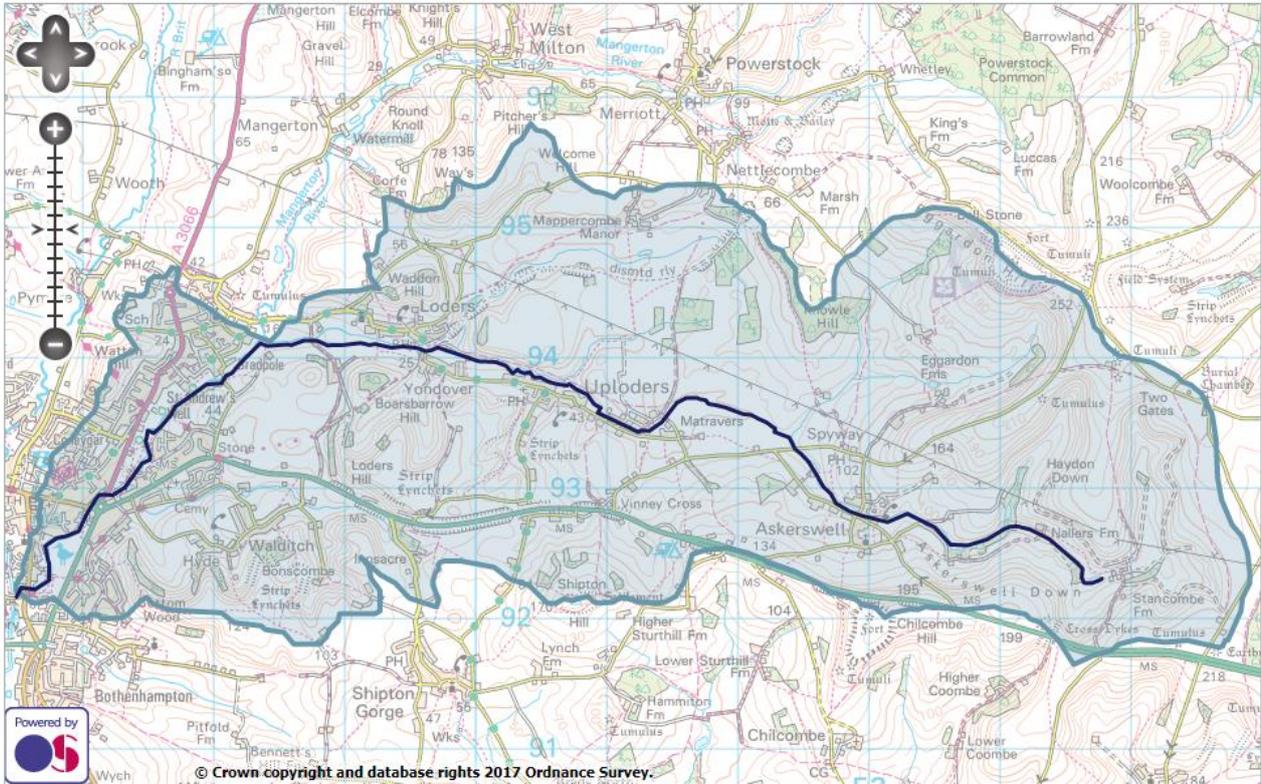
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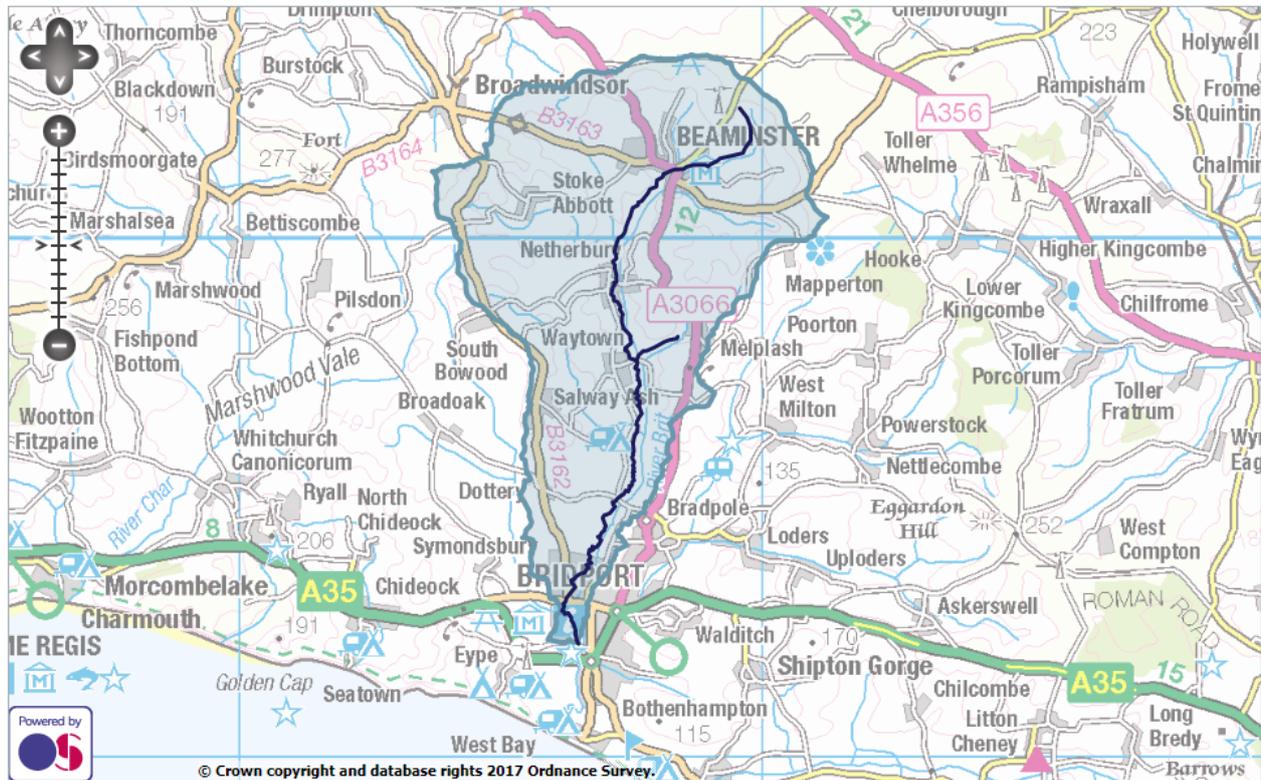
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Figure B30 – Sustainability Appraisal (Indicator – Water Quality Bridport Catchment)

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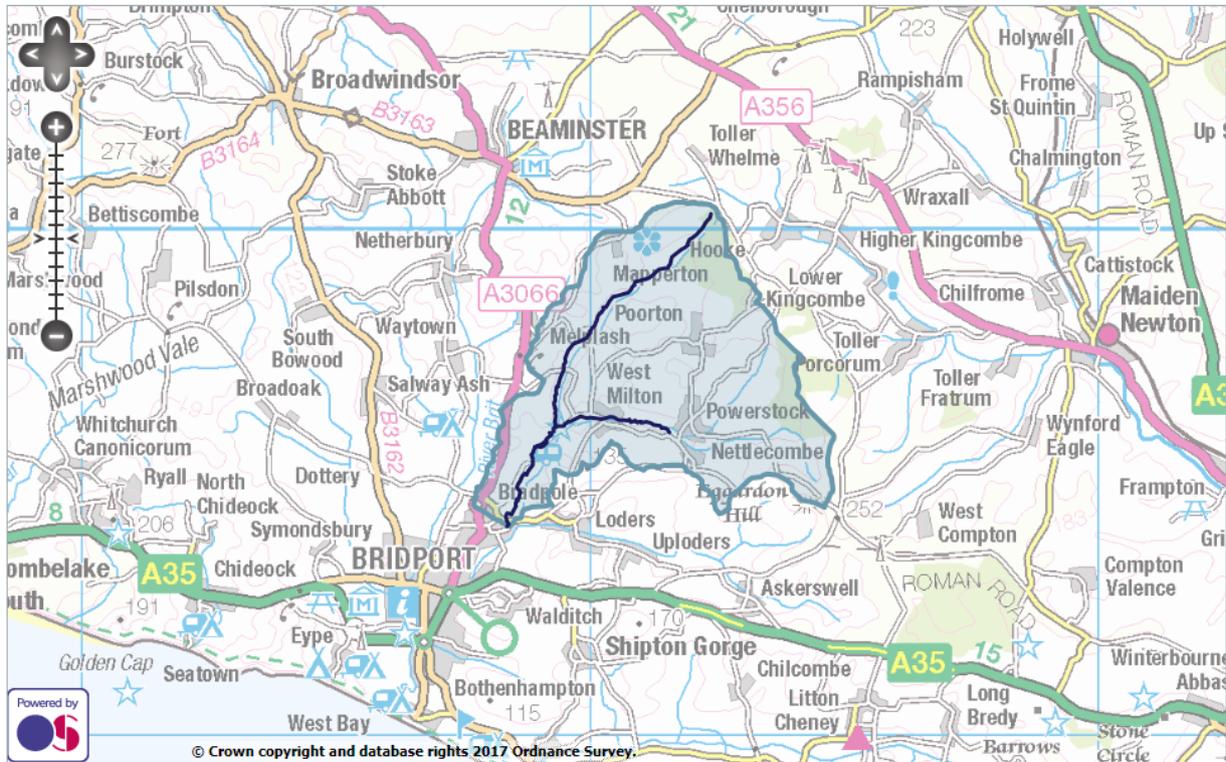


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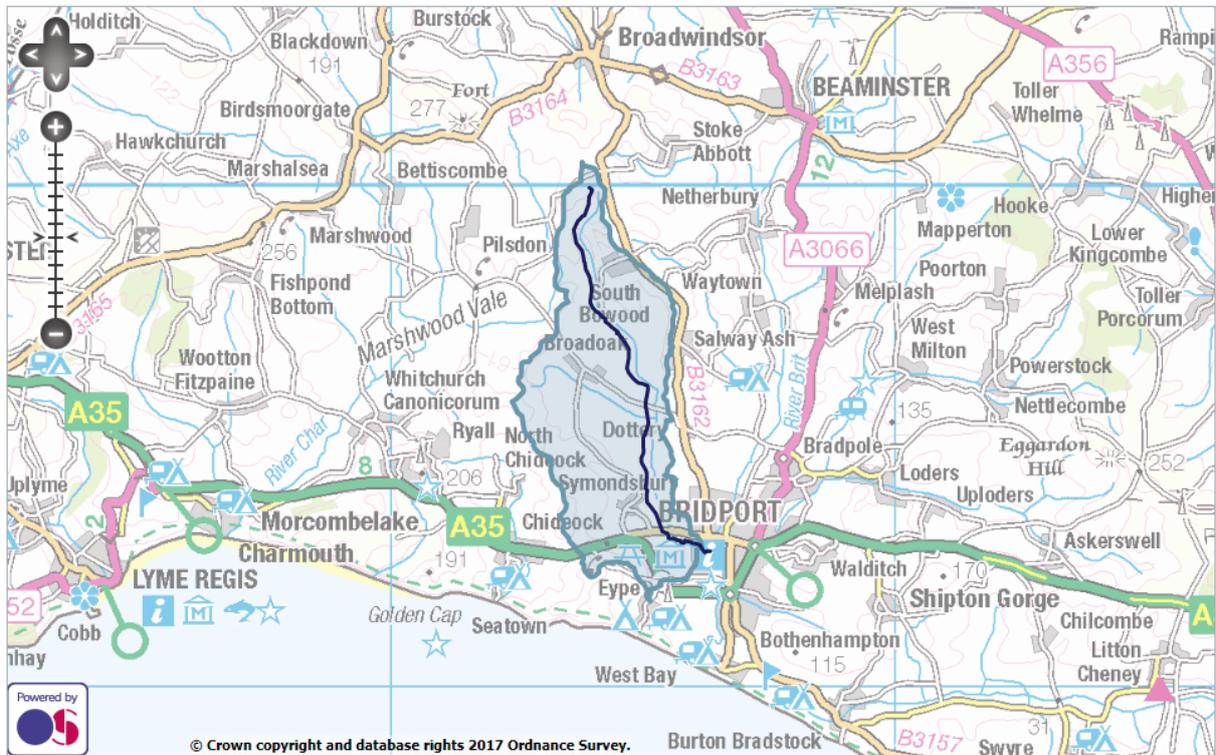
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Figure B30 – Sustainability Appraisal (Indicator – Water Quality Bridport Catchment)

Mangerton Brook



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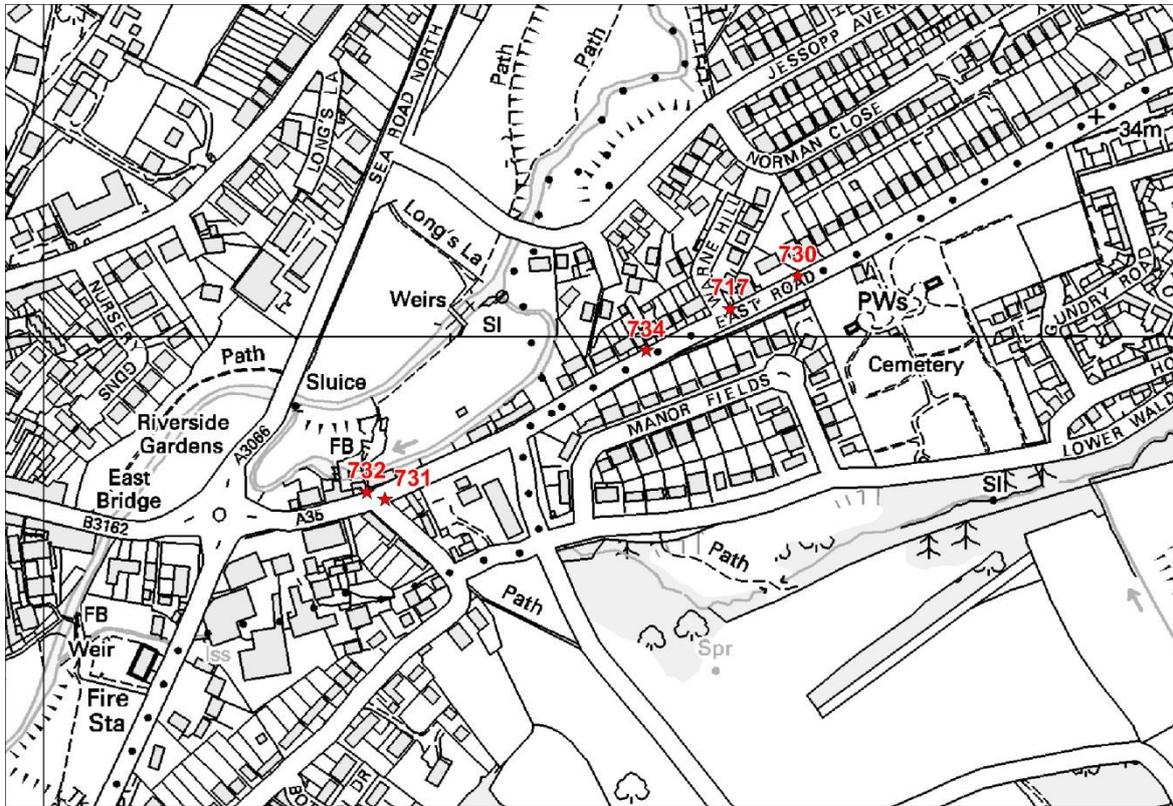


Source: Environment Agency

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



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