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Planning

What is the Purbeck Local Plan?

Purbeck District Council's (PDC) Local Plan was presented and partially accepted in 2012. Purbeck District Council was required by the government to produce this plan, since without an approved plan, developers would have had few restraints or guidelines to adhere to. As a result Lytchett Matravers was required to accept 50 new houses at the Huntick Road site.

However, the government inspector, who appraised the Purbeck District Council plan, only agreed it on the understanding that Purbeck District Council would review the plan again to see whether more development was possible. He did not believe that the Purbeck District Council plan offered enough opportunities for housing. Purbeck District Council has now commenced an assessment and consultation.

At the end of this process Purbeck District Council will have to present clear reasons and evidence to support their conclusions.

The proposed 'Issues and Options' are broad and may not necessarily be taken forward by Purbeck District Council; some ideas may be dropped as Purbeck District Council redefines the Plan and new ideas will be sought or brought forward where appropriate.

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

The Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan is a plan specific to the parish of Lytchett Matravers that has to conform to the current Purbeck Local Plan – Part 1.

Any neighbourhood plan cannot re-designate green belt land as development land. Therefore the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan is constrained to talking about development within the current settlement boundary. However in the future it may have to include areas that the review of the Purbeck Plan might change status. This can be seen by the Purbeck District Council options, with possible substantial development either in Lytchett Matravers or close by in Lytchett Minster. Therefore we urge you to take part in the Purbeck District Council consultations – details below

The focus for the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan is a balance of employment opportunities, improvement of local amenities to go hand in hand with any development within the village, be they Huntick Road, infill or de-designated Green Belt in the future.

Lytchett Matravers is unique in being surrounded by Green Belt. Let's make sure any re-designation is appropriate and benefits the village as a whole.

The Lytchett Matravers Parish Council asks all residents to come along to the consultation and to express their views and opinions on the options presented.

The consultation will take place at

Lytchett Matravers Library

February 26th, 2015 from 2.00 pm until 8.00 pm

All the consultation material, including a questionnaire, can be viewed at

www.dorsetforyou.com/purbeck-partial-review

Areas of green belt in Lytchett Matravers that could potentially be developed



The red stars show indicative locations of sites.

Reviewing the Plan for Purbeck

Purbeck District Council is in the process of reviewing its Green Belt policy, housing numbers, locations for development and development objectives.

National policy and guidance afford the Green Belt a high level of protection and such land can only be released for development in exceptional circumstances through the preparation or review of a Local Plan. Neither the Lytchett Matravers Parish Council nor the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan can re-designate green belt land for development. Only a Purbeck Local Plan can do this.

The government inspector, who appraised the Purbeck District Council Local Plan – Part 1 felt that the plan should have identified 'safeguarded land' in the Green Belt. This is land that is de-allocated from the Green Belt in order to provide potential land for future development needs beyond the plan period.

The Purbeck District Council Local Plan - Part 1 laid out how and where development would be permitted up to 2027 as well as specifying that 120 new dwellings per year would be the planned target throughout the District.

The government inspector did not believe the Purbeck District Council Local Plan - Part 1 offered enough opportunities for housing. Purbeck District Council has now commenced an assessment and has arrived at a figure of 201 new houses per annum between now and 2031. This

is not necessarily a final number, since it can be reduced by various constraints such as areas of outstanding beauty and heathland. However, it is their starting point.

With respect to Lytchett Matravers, the government inspector picked out land at Blaney's Corner (junction of Wareham Road, Lime Kiln Road and Wimborne Road) and recommended that Purbeck District Council should undertake a further Green Belt review in order to look at this.

To this end, Purbeck District Council has produced an updated Green Belt review as part of their consultation, in order to highlight potential areas for release, should future growth be required. The areas selected in Lytchett Matravers are:-

- ❖ **Land adjacent to Middle Road;**
- ❖ **Land behind 36 & 38 Wareham Road and a field off of Burbidge Close**
- ❖ **Land at Foxhills Cottage and adjacent to Peach Cottage**
- ❖ **Land at Blaney's Corner**
- ❖ **Land at Flowers Drove and Sunnyside Farm**

During this consultation process, it is possible that other Green Belt sites will be put forward by landowners for development and can be considered.

Note that one of PDC's other options is 500 or more new homes plus public open space, community facilities and maybe a primary school around Lytchett Minster. Their consultation brief acknowledges that this could cause a merging effect between Upton, Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers.

Have Your Say

Some of the issues the Purbeck District Council needs to consider are: • Locations for new homes such as locations for new shopping space and employment, and how can we enable growth whilst continuing to protect the natural environment. Come and talk with planning officers at a DROP-IN event Thursday 26 Feb 2.00 pm - 8.00 pm Lytchett Matravers Library.

Visit the Parish Council Website

www.lytchettmatraverspc.org/



Join the team

Why not join the Neighbourhood Plan team.

Email: lmnp@lytchettmatraverspc.org/

For details

The Village Hall Committee AGM

The Village Hall Committee will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 7th April at 8.00 pm in the Blanchard Room. If you have any concerns or questions you wish to put to the Committee then please come along. Everyone is welcome.

A Community Film Initiative



A brilliant new British comedy with Bill Nighy about how a gay collective from London supported the Welsh miners during the strikes of the mid-'80's. True story and fabulous music!

**Venue Lytchett Matravers Village Hall
Screening Saturday 7th March**

Food Starts 7.00 pm
Film Starts 8.00 pm
Film - cost £5.00

Refreshments: Aubergine Casserole with crusty bread cost £5.00
Film tickets only can be bought at the door for £6.00
To reserve your seats for supper, film or both email gavinbrown1986@hotmail.co.uk

Supported by the Village Hall Committee and the Lytchett Matravers Parish Council and...



Keeping Lytchett Matravers Tidy



Join Us Saturday 14th March, at the Rec car park at 10am.

They met on a chilly November morning at the end of 2014, donned fluorescent jackets, and armed with litter pickers they strode through the village for 2 hours, picking up rubbish as they went.

The litter pick event was organised by parish councillors and it is hoped will become a regular event throughout the year to help keep our village clean and tidy.

"In all we collected over 10 big bags of rubbish" said Cllr Rob Carswell, "which is pretty good for a couple of hours on a Sunday morning".

Help with our next litter pick

If you want to be involved in the next litter pick, join us on **Saturday 14th March, at the Rec car park at 10 am.**

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Cllrs Drane and Taylor hold a surgery first Friday of the month in the Library 4.00pm-5.30pm.

Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 16th February

Monday 16th March

Monday 20th April

Monday 18th May

Monday 15th June

Monday 20th July

Monday 17th Aug

Meetings will normally take place at the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club Hall Recreation Field commencing at 7.30pm.

Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend all meetings and some time is allowed at the commencement of the meetings (i.e. Immediately after 7.30pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

Lytchett Matravers website...
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