

Planning Acronyms / Phrases



AECOM	Consultancy providing technical support for Neighbourhood Plans
Affordable Housing	Housing accessible to people whose incomes are insufficient to enable them to afford adequate housing locally on the housing market, including social and affordable rented housing, shared ownership and low-cost homes for sale.
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – nationally important landscape (of the same status as a National Park) designated by Natural England
CA / CAA	Conservation Area / Conservation Area Appraisal - an area designated under Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as being of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.
Design Code	A document that sets rules for the design of a new development.
Development Plan / DPD	Development Plan Document/s - set out the policies and proposals for the development and land use of an area – normally comprising a Local Plan / Core Strategy, Minerals and Waste plans and Neighbourhood Plan
dpa	dwellingings per annum
EA	Environment Agency – responsible for: flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea, water quality and resources, waste / pollution / contaminated land
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment – accompanies a planning application and is used to consider the likely effects of new development on the environment, as required under the EIA Regulations
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment – accompanies a planning application and is used to consider the likely risks a mitigation required in

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	relation to all forms of flooding (river, surface water, groundwater)
GB	Green Belt – local designation that is intended to safeguard land around major conurbations from urban sprawl, intended to remain open
Locality	Company administering Government support and grants for Neighbourhood Plans
LP	Local Plan
LPA	Local Planning Authority (Dorset Council)
MUGA	Multi-use games area.
NDP / NP	Neighbourhood Development Plan / Neighbourhood Plan
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment – a formalised, systematic and comprehensive process of evaluating the environmental impacts of a policy, plan or programme and its alternatives.
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – assessment of the potential land that could be developed in terms of its suitability and availability
SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Area / Assessment – basis for considering the need for different house types based on population / demographic data and modelling, usually for one or a combination of Council areas
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest - a site protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as being of national nature or geological conservation importance.