

YETMINSTER & RYME INTRINSECA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017-2036

Dorset Council is satisfied that the Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2036, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights and complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan.

A referendum will therefore be held on the 22 February 2022.

Background

The Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Area was designated by the former West Dorset District Council on the 13 June 2016 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Parish Council and the designated neighbourhood area covers the Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic civil parishes.

In July 2021 Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to Dorset Council¹. Dorset Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations'. The Parish Council was notified of Dorset Council's conclusion and informed that the plan could proceed to examination.

The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 25 August 2021 until 13 October 2021 and an independent examiner, Andrew Mead MRTPI MIQ, was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 6 December 2021.

In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2036 would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to his recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this decision statement.

Dorset Council has considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, Dorset Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met. The referendum version of the neighbourhood plan agreed by Dorset Council includes the examiner's recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this document.

Dorset Council is therefore satisfied that the plan as amended...

- (i) meets the basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town & Country planning Act 1990); and

¹ On 1 April 2019 the county's nine councils were replaced by two new organisations. Dorset Council became the local authority for the area previously covered by West Dorset District Council.

- (ii) is compatible with the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998); and
- (iii) complies with the provision concerning Neighbourhood Development Plans made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and

...can now proceed to a referendum.

The area covered by the Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2036

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parishes of Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic only.

Details of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The independent examiner considered that it was appropriate for the referendum to be held over the neighbourhood area. The referendum will therefore be held over the neighbourhood area, being the same area as the civil parishes of Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic.

Information about the referendum will be published on the Council's website and made available for inspection no fewer than 28 days before the referendum.

Where to find more information...

Copies of this decision statement, the examiner's report and the neighbourhood plan can be viewed online at: [Yetminster & Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan - Dorset Council](#)

Appendix A: Modifications from Examiner’s Report

Appendix: Modifications

Below are the recommendations and modifications taken from the Examiner’s Report.

Note: Additions are shown in **bold** and deletions are shown in ~~strike through~~ or described.

Proposed modification number (PM)	Page no./ other reference	Modification
PM1	Policy EN4	Delete second sentence and replace with: “Development must not harm the reason for their designation. Policies for managing development within them should be consistent with those for the Green Belt and inappropriate development should not be approved except in very special circumstances.”
PM2	Policy EN6	Delete Viewpoints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 from Map 5 and from the list of Important Views in paragraph 4.16. Delete “... paragraph 4.12 ...” from the policy and substitute “... paragraph 4.16 ... ”.
PM3	Policy CC5	Add a new criterion: “e) Using opportunities provided by new development and improvements in green and other infrastructure to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding (making as much use as possible of natural flood management techniques as part of an integrated approach to flood risk management).”
PM4	Policy H2	Amend last sentence to: “... to ensure that it is prioritised to people with a local connection, giving preference to those with a local connection to the Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan Area, followed by those with a local connection to the neighbouring parishes, followed by those with a local connection to the remainder of the Dorset Council area, and in accordance with the Dorset Housing Allocations Policy, and remains so in perpetuity. ” Paragraph 7.19 Amend to: “... Beer Hackett, Stockwood, Melbury Osmond and Lillington. ”
PM5	Policy H9	Amend bullet point 12 to: “Create beautiful and locally distinctive buildings and spaces that are adaptable, etc, ...”. Add a new sentence after the final sentence of the policy: “Regard should also be had to the National Design Guide and the National Model Design Code.”
PM6	Policy T2	Amend to: “Development should be designed to meet or, where justified , exceed the number of car parking spaces ...”.

Examiner's note: A consequence of the acceptance of the recommended modifications would be that amendments would have to be made to the explanation within the Plan in order to make it logical and suitable for the referendum. These might also include incorporating factual updates, correcting minor inaccuracies, revising any references to the NPPF (2021), updating paragraph numbers, or text improvements. None of these alterations would affect the ability of the Plan to meet the Basic Conditions and could be undertaken as minor, non-material changes.