

BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2011 - 2033

At the meeting of Cabinet on 22 June 2021, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2033 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan) part of the development plan for the Blandford + neighbourhood area.

In January 2019, Blandford Forum Town Council submitted the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to North Dorset District Council.¹ An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in January 2020. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on 6 May 2021. In the referendum a majority (83.9%) voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the Council should decline to make the plan.

The area covered by the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parishes of Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston.

What this means for the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan area

In England, development plans are used to set out the planning policies for the development and use of land. Planning applications are determined by local planning authorities such as Dorset Council. Planning decisions are made in accordance with the adopted development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan for the civil parishes of Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston which also includes the adopted North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (adopted 2016) and 'saved' policies from the North Dorset District-wide Local Plan (2003) that remain extant.

The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Therefore, when decisions are being made on development proposals, the policies contained in the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016) and the 'saved' extant policies from the North Dorset District-wide Local Plan (2003).

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the adopted Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/north-dorset/neighbourhood-planning/submitted-plans/blandford-v2/blandford-neighbourhood->

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 North Dorset District Council.

[plan-version-2.aspx](#). The decision statement and plan will also be available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ when the offices reopen to the public.