

CHARMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the meeting of Cabinet on 1 March 2022, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan 2021 – 2035 (as modified) part of the development plan for the Charmouth neighbourhood area.

In May 2021, Charmouth Parish Council submitted the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in October 2021. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on the 10 February 2022. In the referendum a majority (90.9%) 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 Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Charmouth.

What this means for the Charmouth 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 parish of Charmouth which also includes the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (2015).

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 Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (2015).

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the adopted Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset/charmouth-neighbourhood-plan>

The decision statement and plan will also be available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ