



Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 19 Decision Statement, June 2017

Summary

1. Following a positive referendum result, Purbeck District Council is publishing its decision to 'make' (adopt) the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan as part of Purbeck District Council's Development Plan, in accordance with regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The plan can be viewed online at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/purbeck/Lytchett-matravers and in hard copy at Purbeck District Council, Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4PP.

Background

2. Lytchett Matravers Parish Council, as the qualifying body, successfully applied for Lytchett Matravers parish to be designated a Neighbourhood Area under Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Neighbourhood Area was designated in April 2013.
3. Following the submission of the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan to Purbeck District Council, it was publicised and comments invited from the public and stakeholders. In order to check that neighbourhood plans meet the 'basic conditions' and comply with all relevant legislation and procedures, they are required to be independently examined by a suitably qualified examiner. In association with the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan Group, Purbeck District Council appointed an independent examiner, Nigel McGurk BSc(Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI, to review the whether the Neighbourhood Plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether it should proceed to referendum.

4. The examiner's report concluded that, subject to certain modifications proposed in his report dated February 2017, the plan did meet the basic conditions and could therefore proceed to a local referendum. Purbeck District Council considered the report and resolved to allow the plan to proceed to referendum, subject to some minor alterations.
5. The Neighbourhood Plan (amended in line with the proposed modifications) was the subject of a referendum held on Thursday, 4th May 2017 at Lytchett Matravers village hall. The referendum question was:
6. 'Do you want Purbeck District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Lytchett Matravers to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'
7. 1,337 ballot papers were issued and the result was as follows:

Yes	No	Spoiled papers
1,240 (93.23%)	90 (6.76%)	7 (0.52%)

8. Legislation requires that the District Council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those who voted did so in favour of the plan, unless this would breach or would otherwise be incompatible with an EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

Decision and reasons

9. Purbeck District Council met on 13th June 2017 and resolved to make the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan. This is on the basis of the Council's belief that making it would not breach, and is compatible with, EU and human rights obligations.
10. Therefore, in accordance with the relevant regulations, the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' and shall form part of the Development Plan for the district of Purbeck.