

## **GILLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016 – 2031**

At the meeting of the Full Council on 27 July 2018, North Dorset District Council took the decision to make the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2031 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan) part of the development plan for the Gillingham neighbourhood area.

In July 2017, Gillingham Town Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to North Dorset District Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in April 2018. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

North Dorset District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Cabinet meeting on 29 May 2018. The District Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

The District Council held a referendum on 12 July 2018. A majority (91%) of those voting in the referendum voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the District Council should decline to make the plan.

### The area covered by the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the area of Gillingham Civic Parish only.

### What this means for the Gillingham 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 North Dorset District 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 Gillingham civic parish, 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 Gillingham 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 Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online via [www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/north-dorset-planning-policy/local-planning-policy-north-dorset.aspx](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/north-dorset-planning-policy/local-planning-policy-north-dorset.aspx) and at South Walks House, South

Walks Road, Dorchester DT1 1UZ (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday).