

CHICKERELL TOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019 - 2036

At the meeting of Cabinet on 22 June 2021, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Chickerell Town Neighbourhood Plan 2019 - 2036 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan) part of the development plan for the Chickerell neighbourhood area.

In May 2020, Chickerell Town Council submitted the Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in January 2021. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Chickerell 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 (84.5%) 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 Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Chickerell in Dorset.

What this means for the Chickerell 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 Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the development plan for the civil parish of Chickerell, which also includes the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (adopted 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 Chickerell 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 Chickerell Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/chickerell-neighbourhood-plan. The decision statement and plan will also be available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ during opening hours when the offices reopen to the public.