

## **SHAFTESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019 - 2031**

**At the meeting of Cabinet on 22 June 2021, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2031 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan) part of the development plan for the Shaftesbury neighbourhood area.**

In January 2020, Shaftesbury Town Council submitted the Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in August 2020. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Shaftesbury 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 (87.8%) 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 Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan**

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

### **What this means for the Shaftesbury 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 Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the development plan for the civil parish of Shaftesbury, which also includes the 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 Shaftesbury 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 Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/shaftesbury-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/shaftesbury-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.