

CHESIL BANK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the meeting of Cabinet on 7 November 2023, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan 2022 – 2032 (as modified) part of the development plan for the Chesil Bank neighbourhood area.

In December 2022, Chesil Bank Parish Council submitted the Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in May 2023. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Chesil Bank 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 28 September 2023. In the referendum a majority (75.2%) 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 Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parishes of Portesham, Abbotsbury, Langton Herring & Fleet.

What this means for the Chesil Bank 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 parishes of Portesham, Abbotsbury, Langton Herring & Fleet 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 Chesil Bank 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 Chesil Bank Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/chesil-bank-neighbourhood-plan

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