

BUCKHORN WESTON AND KINGTON MAGNA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2021-2038

Dorset Council is satisfied that the Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2038, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights and complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan.

A referendum will therefore be held on **Thursday 20 June 2024**.

Background

The Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood Area was designated by Dorset Council on 9 June 2021 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council and the designated neighbourhood area covers the civil parishes of Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna.

In October 2023, Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. Dorset Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations'. The Parish Council was notified of Dorset Council's conclusion and informed that the plan could proceed to examination.

The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 10 November 2024 until 22 December 2024 and an independent examiner, David Hogger BA MSc MRTPI MCIHT, was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 27 March 2024.

In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2038 would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to his recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this decision statement.

Dorset Council has considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, Dorset Council agrees that the legal requirements and basic conditions have been met. The referendum version of the neighbourhood plan agreed by Dorset Council includes the examiner's recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this document.

Dorset Council is therefore satisfied that the plan as amended...

- i. meets the basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town & Country planning Act 1990); and

- ii. is compatible with the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998); and
- iii. complies with the provision concerning Neighbourhood Development Plans made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and

...can now proceed to a referendum.

The area covered by the Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2021-2038

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parishes of Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna.

Details of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The independent examiner considered that it was appropriate for the referendum to be held over the neighbourhood area. The referendum will therefore be held over the neighbourhood area, being the same area as the civil parishes of Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna.

Information about the referendum will be published on the Council's website and made available for inspection no fewer than 28 days before the referendum.

Where to find more information...

Copies of this decision statement, the examiner's report and the neighbourhood plan can be viewed online at: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/buckhorn-weston-and-kington-magna-neighbourhood-plan

Appendix A: Modifications from Examiner’s Report

Additions are shown in **bold** and deletions denoted with ~~strikethrough~~.

Page references are those in the submitted Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood Development Plan.

In the interests of brevity, where whole paragraphs have been deleted, the modification refers to the deletion of all the text.

Proposed modification number (PM)	Page no./other reference	Modification
PM1	Throughout the document	Refer to the December 2023 version of the NPPF and update paragraph references where they have changed (see for example, paragraph 4.6 of my report for an indication in this regard).
PM2	Pages 16 – 18 Paragraphs 41 to 62	Delete <u>all</u> of paragraphs 41 to 62 and replace with: 41. Engagement of the local community is regarded as essential in developing a vision and objectives for the future development of neighbourhoods and to provide the detailed information to support non-strategic policies that can make a difference to localities. 42. The preparation of the Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Neighbourhood plan has been supported by engagement and consultation in a variety of forms and at several stages as the Plan has developed. These are summarised in the detailed Consultation Report which has been prepared to support the Plan.
PM3	Page 21 Paragraph 75	Add to paragraph 75: The restrictive countryside policies do not apply to land within a settlement boundary but any development proposals in such areas will be expected to meet the requirements of policy BWKM 3.

PM4	Page 32 Policy BWKM 4	Modify the policy to read: Within the Settlement Boundaries of Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna, planning applications for the development of two-bedroom and three bedroom homes will be prioritised supported in order to meet identified local housing needs.
PM5	Page 39 Paragraph 143	Modify the first sentence to read: The Neighbourhood Plan seeks to achieve a number of things which will require further actions, active monitoring and periodic review every five years to determine whether objectives and policies are being achieved and observed.