Neighbourhood Plan:
DECISION STATEMENT (MAKING)

SHILLINGSTONE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016 to 2031 – FIRST REVIEW

At the meeting of Cabinet on 10 November 2026, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Shillingstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2031 – First Review part of the development plan for the Shillingstone neighbourhood area. This replaces the original neighbourhood plan made on 21 February 2017.

A neighbourhood plan for the Shillingstone parish was made on 21 February 2017.

In May 2026, Shillingstone Parish Council submitted a proposal to revise the neighbourhood plan. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in September 2026. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Shillingstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2031 – First Review would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The examiner concluded that there was no statutory requirement for a referendum in this instance taking into account the nature of the changes proposed to the original neighbourhood plan.

The area covered by the Shillingstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2031 – First Review

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Shillingstone.

What this means for the Shillingstone Parish 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 Shillingstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2031 – First Review forms part of the development plan for the civil parish of Shillingstone, which also includes the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (adopted 2016).

The policies contained in the neighbourhood plan will take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the local plan, where they are in conflict, unless they are superseded by other policies that are adopted subsequently.

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Shillingstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2016 to 2031 – First Review can be viewed online at:
https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/shillingstone-neighbourhood-plan