

## **WEYMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**At the meeting of Cabinet on 29 January 2026, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan part of the development plan for the Weymouth neighbourhood area, replacing the made Sutton Poyntz Neighbourhood Plan.**

In December 2024, Weymouth Town Council submitted the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in September 2025. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on 11 December 2025. In the referendum a majority (76.4%) 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 Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan**

The Weymouth neighbourhood plan area covers the jurisdiction of Weymouth Town Council, with the exception of the Nightingale Road area, the Littlemoor Urban extension and the top of Plaisters Lane, Sutton Poyntz.

### **What this means for the Weymouth 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 Weymouth neighbourhood area, which also includes the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (adopted October 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 Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan.

### **Where to find more information**

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/weymouth-neighbourhood-plan>