

WIMBORNE ST GILES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2021 - 2036

At the meeting of Cabinet on 29 April 2025, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2036 part of the development plan for the Wimborne St Giles neighbourhood area.

In April 2024, Knowlton Parish Council submitted the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2036 and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in December 2024. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2036 would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on 20 March 2025. In the referendum a majority (79%) 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 Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2036

The neighbourhood plan area covers a large part of the civil parish of Wimborne St Giles. It also covers small areas of land within the neighbouring civil parishes of Edmondsham, Woodlands and Gussage All Saints. A map of the neighbourhood area is available via the following link: [Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Area](#).

What this means for the Wimborne St Giles 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 area that it covers. The development plan for this area also includes the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy (adopted April 2014).

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 Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2036 will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy.

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at: [Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan - Dorset Council](#)