

## **WOOL PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2024 to 2038**

**At the meeting of Cabinet on 29 April 2025, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038 part of the development plan for the Wool neighbourhood area.**

In August 2025, Wool Parish Council submitted the Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038 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 Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038 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 (96%) 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 Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038**

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Wool.

### **What this means for the Wool 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 parish of Wool, which also includes the Purbeck Local Plan 2018 to 2034 (adopted July 2024).

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 Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038 will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the Purbeck Local Plan 2018 to 2034.

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

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Wool Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2024 to 2038 can be viewed online at: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/wool-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/wool-neighbourhood-plan)