

WAREHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At the meeting of Cabinet on 8 November 2021, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan (as modified) part of the development plan for the Wareham neighbourhood area.

In December 2020, Wareham Town Council submitted the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in June 2021. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on 30 September 2021. In the referendum a majority (90.5%) 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 Wareham Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Wareham Town.

What this means for the Wareham 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 Wareham Town which also includes the adopted Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (adopted 2012).

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 Wareham Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (2012).

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the adopted Wareham Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/purbeck/neighbourhood-planning-purbeck/wareham-neighbourhood-plan>. The decision statement and plan will also be available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ when the offices reopen to the public.