

BOURTON - DORSET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2016 - 2031

At the meeting of the Full Council on 26 January 2018, North Dorset District Council has taken the decision to make the Bourton - Dorset Neighbourhood Plan 2016 – 2031 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan) part of the development plan for the Bourton neighbourhood area.

In November 2016, Bourton Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to North Dorset District Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in September 2017. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

North Dorset District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Cabinet meeting on 30 October 2017. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the District Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

The District Council held a referendum on 11 January 2018. More than half of those voting in the referendum voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the District Council should decline to make the plan.

The area covered by the Bourton Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the area of Bourton Parish only.

What this means for the Bourton 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 North Dorset District 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 Bourton Parish area, which also includes the adopted North Dorset Local Plan Part One and 'saved' policies from the North Dorset District - Wide Local Plan 2003 that remain extant.

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 Bourton Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted North Dorset Local Plan Part One and the 'saved' extant policies from the 2003 North Dorset District –Wide Local Plan.

Where to find more information

Copies of this decision document and the adopted Bourton Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online via [Local planning policy North Dorset - dorsetforyou.com](https://www.dorsetforyou.com) and at the District Council Offices, Nordon, Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7LL (8.45am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.00pm on Friday).