

Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement, 19 March 2019.



Summary

1. Purbeck District Council is satisfied that the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan, as modified:
 - (i) meets the basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town & Country Planning Act 1990); and
 - (ii) would not breach any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998); and
 - (iii) complies with the provision concerning Neighbourhood Development Plans made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
2. Therefore, a referendum will be held on 2 May 2019.

Background

3. The Bere Regis Neighbourhood Area was designated in January 2013 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as the Parish Council and the designated Neighbourhood Area covers the same area as Bere Regis parish.
4. In October 2018, the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan Group (BRNPG) submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to Purbeck District Council. The District Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations' and informed the BRNPG that the plan could proceed to examination.
5. The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 8 June 2015 to 19 July 2015, and independent examiner John Slater MRTPI was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 4 March 2019.
6. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan would meet the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications set out in the report. Purbeck District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Full Council meeting on 19 March 2019. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

7. The Council is satisfied that the plan, as amended, meets all necessary legislative requirements and can now proceed to a referendum.

The area covered by the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan and details of the referendum

8. The independent examiner and Purbeck District Council consider that it is appropriate for the referendum to be held over the neighbourhood area, which is the same as Bere Regis parish. The referendum for the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 2 May 2019.

Where to find out more information

9. The following information can be found online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/purbeck/neighbourhood-planning-purbeck/bere-regis-neighbourhood-plan.aspx> and in the Purbeck District Council offices at Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4PP (standard opening hours Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 4.45pm; Friday 8.45am to 4.15pm):

- This decision statement;
- The Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan examiner's report;
- Statement of Common Ground between Natural England, Bere Regis Parish Council and Purbeck District Council;
- Purbeck District Council's Council report of 19 March 2019;
- The Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan original 'submission' version; and
- The Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan, as modified.

A copy of this statement will be sent to the Bere Regis Neighbourhood Plan Group, which submitted the plan, and anyone who has asked to be notified of this decision.