

BLANDFORD + NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

At the meeting of Cabinet on 3 October 2023, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2033 part of the development plan for the Blandford + neighbourhood area.

In March 2023, Blandford Forum Town Council submitted the Modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2033 and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in August 2023. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The examiner concluded that there was no statutory requirement for a referendum in this instance given the limited nature of the changes proposed to the plan.

The area covered by the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan Review

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parishes of Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston.

What this means for the Blandford + 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 parishes of Blandford Forum, Blandford St Mary and Bryanston which also includes the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (adopted 2016).

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 Modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1.

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Modified Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/blandford-neighbourhood-plan>

The decision statement and plan will also be made available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ.