

Decision Statement

On behalf of West Dorset District Council, 21 July 2016

At the meeting of the Full Council on 21 July 2016, West Dorset District Council has taken the decision to make the Loders Neighbourhood Plan (as modified in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations) part of the development plan for the Loders neighbourhood area.

Reasons

In July 2015 Loders Parish Council submitted its neighbourhood plan and supporting evidence to West Dorset District Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and her report was received in January 2016. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Loders Neighbourhood Plan, subject to some modification, would meet the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements.

West Dorset District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Executive Committee on 8 March 2016. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

The district council held a referendum on 5 May 2016. More than half of those voting in the referendum voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have come to light which would suggest that the council should decline to make the plan.

Subsequent to the referendum, Loders Parish has identified a number of minor amendments to the referendum version of the neighbourhood plan for the purpose of correcting errors. In accordance with Section 61M(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), West Dorset District Council have issued a revised neighbourhood plan for the Loders parish area reflecting these amendments.

The area covered by the Loders Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the entirety of the parish of Loders.

What this means for the Loders 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 West 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 Loders parish area alongside the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland joint local plan.

The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Therefore the policies contained in the Loders neighbourhood plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted Local Plan when decisions are being made on development proposals.

[Where to find more information...](#)

Copies of this decision statement and the adopted Loders Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/loders> and in the district council offices at South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ during standard opening hours (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday).

A copy of this statement is automatically sent to the parish council who submitted the plan and anyone who has asked to be notified of this decision.