

Decision Statement

On behalf of Dorset Council, 1 October 2019

At the meeting of the Cabinet on 1 October 2019, Dorset Council has taken the decision to make the Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan (as modified in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations) part of the development plan for the Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Area.

Reasons

In November 2018 Broadwindsor Group Parish Council submitted its neighbourhood plan and supporting evidence to West Dorset District Council (replaced by Dorset Council on 1 April 2019). An independent examiner was appointed, and their report was received in November 2018. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan, subject to some modifications, would meet the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements.

Dorset Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Cabinet on 25 June 2019. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

Dorset Council held a referendum on 8 August 2019. 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.

The area covered by the Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the parishes of Broadwindsor, Burstock and Seaborough only.

What this means for the Broadwindsor 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 Broadwindsor, Burstock and Seaborough parish areas 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 Broadwindsor 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 Broadwindsor Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/broadwindsor-neighbourhood-plan> and in the 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.