

HOLWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW 2017-2031

At the meeting of Cabinet on 7 September 2021, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review 2017-2031 (as modified) (hereafter referred to as the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review) part of the development plan for the Holwell neighbourhood area.

In March 2021, Holwell Parish Council submitted the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in August 2021. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to a modification.

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 Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Holwell.

What this means for the Holwell 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 parish of Holwell which also includes the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (adopted 2015).

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 Holwell Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan (adopted 2015)

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the adopted Holwell Neighbourhood Plan Review can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-planning-policy/neighbourhood-plans-in-dorset/holwell-neighbourhood-plan>

The decision statement and plan will also be available to view at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ when the offices reopen to the public.