

## **PIMPERNE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

North Dorset District Council is satisfied that the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan as modified meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights and complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan.

A referendum will therefore be held on 10 January 2019.

### Background

The Pimperne Neighbourhood Area was designated in April 2014 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 the area of the Pimperne Parish Council.

In April 2018, Pimperne Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to North Dorset District Council. The District Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations'. The Parish Council was notified of the District Council's conclusion and informed that the plan could proceed to examination.

The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 11 May to 22 June 2018, and an independent examiner, Mr Terry Kemmann-Lane JP DipTP FRTPI MCMI, was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 2 October 2018.

In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to the modifications as set out in Appendix A of this decision statement.

North Dorset District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Cabinet meeting on 29 October 2018. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the District Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met. The Schedule of Changes agreed by the District Council's Cabinet, including the Examiner's recommended modifications, is set out in Appendix A of this document.

The council is therefore satisfied that the plan as amended...

- (i) meets the basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town & Country planning Act 1990); and
- (ii) is compatible with 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, and

...can now proceed to a referendum.

### The area covered by the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the area of Pimperne Parish Council only.

## Details of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The independent examiner considered that it was appropriate for the referendum to be held over the neighbourhood area.

The referendum will therefore be held over the neighbourhood area, being the same area as the area of Pimperne Parish Council. In accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, as amended, the referendum for the Pimperne Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 10 January 2019 and information about it will be published on the District Council's website and made available for inspection no fewer than 28 days before the referendum.

## Where to find more information...

Copies of this decision statement, the examiner's report and the neighbourhood plan can be viewed online via [Local planning policy North Dorset - dorsetforyou.com](http://dorsetforyou.com) and at the District Council's Offices, South Walks House, Dorchester DT1 1UZ (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday).

## APPENDIX A

### Schedule of Changes

PNP reference	Examiner's report Paragraph	Recommendation
Front cover and headers / footers	n/a	Amended "Submission draft" to "Referendum Version" and "Date of publication: April 2018" to "Date of referendum" [to insert date when scheduled]
Contents page	n/a	Updated to reflect revisions
Summary	n/a	Amended final paragraph third sentence to reflect latest situation re Blandford NP i.e. "The Examiner's report rejected this proposal, and the Blandford Plus group subsequently withdrew the plan in order to undertake further work on options for development before re-submitting."
Policy LC: Landscape Character	5.8	Replace the text of part a) of policy LC with the following: "All new development within the plan area must demonstrate that account has been taken of the relevant AONB Management Plan policies and must not detract from the special qualities of the Cranborne Chase and Dorset AONBs unless it is clearly in the public interest to permit the development."
New Policy	5.16 - 5.21	<p>Following 'Important local green spaces' (and before 'Important buildings and other features of local character'), insert the following heading, supporting text and new policy:</p> <p><i>"Local Wildlife Corridors and Protected Species" (or similar)</i></p> <p><i>"Handcocks Bottom SSSI lies just to the north of the plan area, and Blandford Camp SSSI lies to the east of Blandford Camp, approximately 1km from the parish boundary. Hod Hill SSSI lies approximately 3km to the west of the parish boundary. Sites of local nature conservation interest include Pimperne Wood SNCI (ancient woodland) on the northern border of the parish. There are also other ancient woodland and unimproved and semi-improved calcareous / chalk grasslands close to the parish boundary, including Pimperne Long Barrows. Environmental records indicate the potential presence of a range of protected species, including: bats; birds (such as Barn Owl, Hen Harrier and Merlin), butterflies and moths (such as the White-letter Hairstreak and Barberry Carpet moth) and badgers."</i></p>

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		<p><i>"The Barberry Carpet moth is a nationally scarce species and various nature conservation organisations are working to strengthen this particular species. As such, mitigation measures that include the planting of Barberry (<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>) are encouraged."</i></p> <p><b>"Policy LWCPs: Local Wildlife Corridors and Protected Species</b>  <i>All new development should have due regard for the local ecological network (existing and potential) as identified on Map 4, and potential presence of protected species; taking into account national policy to provide net gains in biodiversity where possible.</i>  <i>To achieve this, the potential adverse or beneficial impact of the development on these ecological networks should be fully evaluated, and presence of protected species checked. A Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan must be submitted with any Planning Application on sites over 0.1Ha or which are likely to give rise to an adverse impact on biodiversity."</i></p>
	5.16 – 5.21	After the new <i>Policy LWCPs: Local Wildlife Corridors and Protected Species</i> , insert new Map 4 (shown in paragraph 5.20 of this report) titled <i>"Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Ecological Networks"</i> (or similar).
	5.16 – 5.21	As a consequence of the insertion of new Map 4, amend the numbers of the Maps that follow in the PNP accordingly.
Housing facts summary second bullet	n/a	Amended reference to read "although this may be revised again in light of the updated Government guidance on calculating housing need"
Policy MHN: Meeting Housing Needs	5.13	Revise the first line of paragraph a) of Policy MHN: Meeting Housing Needs so that it reads: "Provision is made for at least 45 additional homes in Pimperne...."
Policy MEN: Meeting Employment Needs	5.23	At end of first paragraph on page 18 (supporting text to Policy MEN) amend to read <i>"...the landscape, wildlife and traffic impacts of such development."</i> and amend final criteria (iii) of Policy MEN to read <i>".....would not harm the character and tranquillity of the AONB, and would not harm protected species or areas of wildlife interest without appropriate biodiversity enhancement and mitigation."</i>

PNP reference	Examiner's report Paragraph	Recommendation
Policy DC: Developer Contributions for Social Infrastructure	5.24	Amend the text of Policy DC: Developer Contributions for Social Infrastructure, after the words "where reasonable and necessary for the provision of" to read " <i>social infrastructure projects including:</i> "
Housing sources table	n/a	Amended granted planning consents to include numbers and add in recently consented permission to the rear of Long House (5) – taking the total capacity from this source to 15 (not 10) and TOTAL to 45 (not 40)
Policy HSA1: Land east of Franwell Industrial Estate	5.25	In part d) of Policy HSA1, fourth line down, replace "Biodiversity Mitigation" with " <i>Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan</i> "
	5.26	In part f) of Policy HSA1, after the words "should be secured", add " <i>following consultation with the Highways Authority</i> "
Policy HSA2 – land north of Manor Farm Close	5.29	In part c) of Policy HSA2, fourth line down, replace "Biodiversity Mitigation" with " <i>Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan</i> "
	5.30	At the end of the text at item e) add: "following consultation with the Highways Authority."
Policy HAS3 – land west of Old Bakery Close	5.31	In part c) of Policy HSA3, fourth line down, replace "Biodiversity Mitigation" with " <i>Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan</i> "
Map 5 and Policy SB: Settlement Boundary	5.47, 5.48 and 5.50	The Settlement Boundary should be amended to include the allocations etc., and the area to the east of the A354 in the vicinity of the Farquharson Arms, as set out in paragraphs 5.45 to 5.50 of this report. This may also require changes to the supporting text.
Supporting text to Settlement Boundary	See above	Revisions to settlement boundary bullets – delete third and fourth bullet and add new bullet: "Including allocated sites that would otherwise lie outside of the settlement boundary (this change was made as a recommendation of the Examiner, and the boundary may be further adjusted in a future review once the detailed plans for the sites are approved)"

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		<p>Amend following paragraph to read "The Parish Council had proposed excluding areas east of the A354 entirely from the settlement boundary given the difficulty of crossing the main road safely (bearing in mind that this would not preclude community infrastructure or employment uses as this would still be possible through the conversion of existing buildings and small-scale expansion of existing sites outside of the settlement boundary). However in The Examiner's view the status quo was preferable, and would not result in such an extensive area being developed as would be inappropriate on that side of the road."</p> <p>Remove final bullet on main changes "Exclude the area east of the A354 (but show the buildings and associated curtilage of the Taymix and Yarde Lane as employment sites)" (as now superfluous)</p>
Appendix 1	n/a	Hyperlinks updated in light of Dorset.gov.uk website changes