

MOTCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017 to 2027

Dorset Council is satisfied that the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2027, 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 7 November 2019.

Background

The Motcombe Neighbourhood Area was designated in February 2016 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as Motcombe Parish Council and the designated neighbourhood area covers Motcombe civil parish.

In March 2019, Motcombe Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to North Dorset District Council. On 1 April 2019 North Dorset District Council ceased existence and the new unitary authority of Dorset Council came into operation. Dorset Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations'. The Parish Council was notified of Dorset Council's conclusion and informed that the plan could proceed to examination.

The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 12 April to 24 March 2019, and an independent examiner, Mr David Kaiserman BA DipTP MRTP, was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 23 July 2019.

In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2027 would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to his recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this decision statement.

Dorset Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, Dorset Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met. The final version of the neighbourhood plan agreed by Dorset Council includes the examiner's recommended modifications as set out in Appendix A of this document.

Dorset 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 Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2027

The neighbourhood plan area covers the parish of Motcombe 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 parish of Motcombe. In accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, as amended, the referendum for the Motcombe Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2027 will be held on 7 November 2019 and information about it will be published on the Council's website and made available for inspection no fewer than 28 days before the referendum.

Where to find more information...

Copies of the specified referendum documents including this decision statement, the examiner's report and the neighbourhood plan can be viewed online at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/motcombe-neighbourhood-plan and at South Walks House, Dorchester DT1 1UZ (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday).

APPENDIX A

Examiner's Recommendations

Below are the recommendations and modifications taken from the Examiner's report.

Examiner's report paragraph	NP reference	Recommendation
39	Para 4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correct discrepancy in number of dwellings covered by existing planning permissions
51	Para 4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delete last sentence
55	Policy MOT2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve precision of policy by providing further guidance on what is required of potential applicants
60	Policy MOT6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-title and amend opening words of policy
61	Policy MOT6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor re-wording of second paragraph
65	Policy MOT7a	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include reference to location of significant views and show them on a map
68	Policy MOT7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend first sentence to show 3.6 dwellings per annum as a minimum
75	Policy MOT8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delete paragraph 4.15
80	Policy MOT9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-word d) to relate to amended policy MOT6• Make same changes to MOT 10 and 11
83	Policies MOT9, 10 and 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross reference each of the sites with the site reference numbers used on the Policies Map
86	Policy MOT12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend "alternative sites" to "additional sites" in final paragraph
90-91	Policy MOT18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove the need to comply with parking standards that are higher than former county-level standards and add explanatory supporting text
94	Policies Map and Policy MOT8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amend settlement boundary to include housing allocations in Policies MOT 9,10 & 11, and amend paragraph 4.25 and second bullet point of MOT8 to reflect this.
95	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-number policies (MOT7a and 7b as 6a and 6b)
96	Pages 1 and 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor improvements to maps