

## **ALDERHOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2022 to 2034**

**At the meeting of Cabinet on 17 December 2024, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034 part of the development plan for the Alderholt neighbourhood area.**

In May 2024, Alderholt Parish Council submitted the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034 and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in August 2024. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034 would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The Council held a referendum in the neighbourhood area on 28 November 2024. In the referendum a majority (93%) voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the Council should decline to make the plan.

### **The area covered by the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034**

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Alderholt.

### **What this means for the Alderholt 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 Alderholt, which also includes the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (adopted April 2014).

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 Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034 will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1.

### **Where to find more information**

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022 to 2034 can be viewed online at: [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/alderholt-neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/alderholt-neighbourhood-plan)