

ALDERHOLT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2022-2034

Dorset Council is satisfied that the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2034, 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 **Thursday 28 November 2024**.

Background

The Alderholt Neighbourhood Area was designated by East Dorset District Council on 25 March 2019 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as Alderholt Parish Council and the designated neighbourhood area covers the civil parish of Alderholt.

In May 2024, Alderholt Parish Council submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to Dorset Council. 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 15 May 2024 until 25 June 2024 and an independent examiner, Andrew Mead BSc (Hons) MRTPI MIQ, was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 22 August 2024.

In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2034 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 has considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, Dorset Council agrees that the legal requirements and basic conditions have been met. The referendum 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 Alderholt Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2034

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Alderholt.

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 civil parish of Alderholt.

Information about the referendum will be published on the Council's website and made available for inspection no fewer than 28 working 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 at: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/alderholt-neighbourhood-plan

Appendix A: Modifications from Examiner's Report

Proposed modification no. (PM)	Page no./ other reference	Modification
PM1	Policy 1 Map 3	Improve the clarity of Map 3 by redrawing it with a clear ordnance base so that the boundaries of the Character Areas can be precisely distinguished.
PM2	Policy 7	Amend the second sentence to: “Given this identified supply, including a windfall allowance, exceeds the housing need requirement, ...”.
PM3	Policy 8	Delete the second paragraph.
PM4	Policy 16 Map 13 Appendix 3	Delete LGS 10 Blackwater Grove field.
PM5	Throughout the document	Replace all references to Area(s) of Outstanding Natural Beauty with “National Landscape(s)” .