

Decision Statement

On behalf of West Dorset District Council, 26 February 2019

At the meeting of the Full Council on 26 February 2019, West Dorset District Council has taken the decision to make the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan (as modified in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations) part of the development plan for the Holwell Neighbourhood Area.

Reasons

In August 2018 Holwell Parish Council submitted its neighbourhood plan and supporting evidence to West Dorset District Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and their report was received in November 2018. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan, subject to some modifications, would meet the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements.

West Dorset District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Strategy Committee on 13 December 2018. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

The district council held a referendum on 7 February 2019. More than half of those voting in the referendum voted in favour of the plan. No other issues have come to light which would suggest that the council should decline to make the plan.

The area covered by the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan

The neighbourhood plan area covers the parish of Holwell only.

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 West Dorset District 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 Holwell parish area alongside the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland joint local plan.

The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local plan. Therefore the policies contained in the Holwell Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted local plan when decisions are being made on development proposals.

[Where to find more information...](#)

Copies of this decision statement and the adopted Holwell Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/holwell-neighbourhood-plan> and in the district council offices at South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1UZ during standard opening hours (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Friday).

A copy of this statement is automatically sent to the Parish Council who submitted the plan and anyone who has asked to be notified of this decision.