

Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan Legal Compliance Check and Decision
Statement: February 2016

Lytchett Matravers Parish Council submitted its draft Neighbourhood Plan to Purbeck District Council on 26 November 2015. Purbeck District Council has a duty to check the draft Neighbourhood Plan to ensure it meets all relevant legal requirements. This document sets out the results of the Legal Compliance Check, and includes Purbeck District Council's 'decision statement' in regard to the legal compliance of the submitted Neighbourhood Plan.

Table 1: Legal Compliance Check

Requirement	Comments
The LPA must consider whether the parish council or neighbourhood forum is authorised to act in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan.	This requirement has been met. Lytchett Matravers Parish Council is the qualifying body, and the parish has been designated as a neighbourhood area.
The draft plan should include a map or statement identifying the area to which the plan relates.	This requirement has been met. A map is included in appendix A of the plan.
A consultation statement should be provided which contains details of those consulted, how they were consulted, summarises the main issues and concerns raised and how these have been considered, and where relevant addressed in the proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan.	This requirement has been met. A consultation statement has been supplied, and includes the required information.
The submission material should include a statement explaining how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the 'basic conditions'.	A basic conditions statement has been supplied, and therefore, this requirement has been met.
The submission material should include either a statement of reasons for a determination that the proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, or an environmental report.	This requirement has been met. The basic conditions statement includes an explanation as to why neither a Habitats Regulations Assessment nor a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
The LPA must consider whether the proposal and accompanying documents meet the definition of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and meet the scope of the Neighbourhood Development Plan provisions.	This requirement has been met. The draft plan contains policies relating to the development and use of land in Lytchett Matravers. The requirements of the relevant regulations have been met.
The LPA must consider whether the parish council or neighbourhood forum has undertaken the correct procedures in relation to consultation and publicity.	This requirement has been met, as set out in the submitted consultation statement.

Legal compliance check: decision statement

Purbeck District Council is satisfied that the draft Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan, as submitted, meets all relevant legal requirements. The District Council will therefore proceed to publicise the draft plan and arrange for an independent examination.