

Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement, 21st March 2017.



Summary

1. Purbeck District Council is satisfied that the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan, as modified:
 - (i) meets the basic conditions (as set out in Schedule 4B to the Town & Country planning Act 1990); and
 - (ii) would not breach any EU obligation or any of 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.
2. Therefore, a referendum will be held on 4th May 2017.

Background

3. The Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Area was designated in April 2013 in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the 'Regulations'). The relevant body is confirmed as the Parish Council and the designated Neighbourhood Area covers the same area as Lytchett Matravers parish.
4. In June 2015, the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan Group (LMNPG) submitted its draft neighbourhood plan and supporting material to Purbeck District Council. The District Council was satisfied that the documents submitted met the requirements of Regulation 15 of the 'Regulations' and informed the LMNPG that the plan could proceed to examination.
5. The submitted documents were made available for consultation from 8th June 2015 to 19th July 2015, and independent examiner Nigel McGurk BSc (hons) MCD MBA MRTPI was appointed to examine the Plan. The examiner's report was received on 10th February 2017.
6. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan would meet the Basic Conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications set out in the report. Purbeck District Council considered each of the recommendations and modifications contained in the examiner's report at its Full Council meeting on 21st March 2017. In considering the conclusions of the independent examiner, the Council agreed that the legal requirements and basic conditions had been met.

7. It is within the Council's remit to correct any errors before agreeing to allow a neighbourhood plan to proceed to referendum. The Council report of 21st March 2017 details two proposed error corrections, in order to clarify some dates in the plan and update some of the terminology used.
8. The Council is satisfied that the plan, as amended, meets all necessary legislative requirements and can now proceed to a referendum.

The area covered by the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan and details of the referendum

9. The independent examiner and Purbeck District Council consider that it is appropriate for the referendum to be held over the neighbourhood area, which is the same as Lytchett Matravers parish. The referendum for the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 4th May 2017.

Where to find out more information

10. The following information can be found online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning/purbeck/Lytchett-matravers> and in the Purbeck District Council offices at Westport House, Worgret Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 4PP (standard opening hours Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 4.45pm; Friday 8.45am to 4.15pm):

- This decision statement;
- The Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan examiner's report;
- Purbeck District Council's Council report of 21st March 2017, specifying error corrections;
- The Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan original 'submission' version; and
- The Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan, as modified.

A copy of this statement will be sent to the Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan Group, which submitted the plan, and anyone who has asked to be notified of this decision.