

Marnhull Neighbourhood Development Plan



It is with great pleasure we are announcing the **Draft of Marnhull's Neighbourhood Development Plan.**

What happens next?

Neighbourhood planning regulations (Regulation 14) require the draft neighbourhood plan proposal to be the subject of a ***pre-submission consultation*** before it is submitted to the local authority for independent examination. We are in this phase now. The consultation should last at least 6 weeks. Subject to Parish Council approval, this will be from 9th February to 31st March 2025. We are inviting comments from people who live, work or run business in the area, local landowners and community organisations, as well as statutory bodies, including Dorset Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England, Wessex Water and neighbouring councils.

All comments received by the end of the consultation period will be considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, and may result in further changes.

Any modifications will be made and the resulting draft of the plan will then be ready for submission to Dorset Council.

On receiving the submitted plan proposal and supporting documents, Dorset Council is then responsible for publicising the plan (Regulation 16), and arranging for the independent examination. Following the examination, the examiner will issue a report setting out what changes are needed to meet the basic conditions set out in legislation, and (hopefully) the examiner will recommend that the plan proceed to referendum. Dorset council will arrange for the referendum to take place. This will be organised and costs covered by Dorset Council.

If more than 50% of those voting in the referendum vote 'yes' then the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

What do I need to do?

The Neighbourhood Development plan will be available to view on the Parish Council Website from 9th February 2025. Hard copies will be available throughout the village including the Village Hall, Surgery, Robin Hill Stores, Spar, Crown, Blackmore Vale Inn, British Legion, Ivy's Hair and Beauty as well as the schools and Churches.

We have two planned consultation events for your diary, where you will be able to meet the Neighbourhood Plan team, ask questions to get a better understanding of the plan, and have chance to complete paper copies of the response form.

There will be a response form available at the events and also on the parish council website, alternatively you can write or email – but if you can complete the form it makes it much easier for us to analyse the responses. Please refer to the policy number of page that you are commenting on, and be clear what changes you think should be made and why, and keep your responses as concise as possible. We ask for your name and address to help us have a clear audit trail, and to allow us to contact you for further clarification if necessary.

Dates for your diary:-

Saturday 22nd February 2025 from 14:30 to 17:00 at the Village Hall.

Saturday 15th March 2025 from 14:30 to 17:00 at the Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all at the village hall.

Thank you one and all.

Marnhull Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

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