



Marnhull Neighbourhood plan update for March 2026

Marnhull residents have been given the chance to shape the future planning: Referendum for the Marnhull Neighbourhood Plan is set for 19th March 2026.

Marnhull residents have been given the opportunity to shape the future of their village, as the long awaited Neighbourhood Plan heads to a public referendum on 19th March.

The vote will determine whether the proposed plan - developed by and for the community - becomes a legacy binding part of the area's development framework.

The Marnhull Neighbourhood Plan is a document that sets out planning policies for Marnhull Parish. These policies are used to decide whether to approve or reject planning applications including future housing developments, along with the National Plan and the Dorset's Local Plan.

It has been developed over three years and has been through several rounds of public consultation. It sets out how the village could grow sustainably over the next 15 years. If passed, it will give the community direct influence over any proposed future housing developments, green space and views protection. As well as heritage, design codes, and flooding protection.

What the Plan Covers

The plan addresses a wide range of issues raised by residents and aims to strike a balance between sustainable development, environment protection, and the enhancement of community life.

All related documents, including detailed policy maps and background reports are available at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/marnhull-neighbourhood-plan>

Make sure you are registered to vote in the parish of Marnhull. Residents can vote in person on 19th March, or via postal vote or a proxy vot. A simple majority is required for the plan to be adopted.

The referendum will ask: “Do you want Dorset Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Marnhull to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”.

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