

FONTMELL MAGNA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2017 to 2031 – FIRST REVIEW

At the meeting of Cabinet on 25 February 2025, Dorset Council took the decision to make the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review part of the development plan for the Fontmell Magna neighbourhood area.

In August 2024, Fontmell Magna Parish Council submitted the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review and supporting material to Dorset Council. An independent examiner was appointed, and his report was received in December 2024. In summary, the examiner's report concluded that the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review would meet the basic conditions and other legal requirements, subject to modifications.

The examiner concluded that there was no statutory requirement for a referendum in this instance given the limited nature of the changes proposed to the plan.

The area covered by the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review

The neighbourhood plan area covers the civil parish of Fontmell Magna.

What this means for the Fontmell Magna 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 Dorset 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 civil parish of Fontmell Magna, which also includes the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (adopted 2016).

The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Therefore, when decisions are being made on development proposals, the policies contained in the Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1.

Where to find more information

This decision statement and the made (adopted) Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan 2017 to 2031 – First Review can be viewed online at: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/fontmell-magna-neighbourhood-plan