

DECISION STATEMENT

23 July 2024



SANDBANKS PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (2023-2033)

Background

1. The Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum submitted the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan to BCP Council. The council published the submission documents for consultation between 7 July and 1 September 2023 and arranged the appointment of an independent examiner. Christopher Collison BA (Hons) MBA MRTPI MIED IHBC was appointed to examine the plan. His report was received on 15 December 2023. It concluded that subject to modifications, the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan meets basic conditions and other legal requirements and, on this basis, could proceed to referendum. A decision was taken at Cabinet on 22 May to agree to hold a referendum on 18 July 2024, to ask voters if they wanted BCP Council to use the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan to decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.
2. BCP Council held a referendum on 18 July in the neighbourhood area. In the referendum a majority (96.67%) voted in favour of plan. No other issues have become known that would suggest that the council should decline to make the plan.

Area covered by the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan

3. The neighbourhood plan area covers part of the Canford Cliffs Ward.

What this means for the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan area

4. 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 BCP Council. Planning decisions are made in accordance with the adopted development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
5. The neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan for this part of the Canford Cliffs Ward.
6. The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Poole Local Plan. Therefore, when decisions are being made on development proposals, the policies contained in the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted Poole Local Plan (2018).

Where to find information

This decision statement and the Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan has been published on the council's website. (Link to be added following Council meeting)