

DECISION STATEMENT

10 December 2024



HURN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (2022-2028)

Background

1. The Hurn Neighbourhood Forum submitted the Hurn 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 9 August 2024. It concluded that subject to modifications, the Hurn Neighbourhood Plan meets basic conditions and other legal requirements and, on this basis, could proceed to referendum. A decision was taken at Cabinet on 4 September to agree to hold a referendum on 24 October 2024, to ask voters if they wanted BCP Council to use the Hurn Neighbourhood Plan to decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area.
2. BCP Council held a referendum on 24 October in the neighbourhood area. In the referendum a majority (**89.63 %**) 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 Hurn Neighbourhood Plan

3. The neighbourhood plan area covers the Hurn Parish area, which is part of the Commons Ward.

What this means for the Hurn 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 the Commons Ward.
6. The policies in the neighbourhood plan are in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Christchurch Local Plan (2014). Therefore, when decisions are being made on development proposals, the policies contained in the Hurn Neighbourhood Plan will take precedence over the non-strategic policies in the adopted Christchurch Local Plan.

Where to find information

7. Once 'made' at Council on 10 December 2024, this decision statement and the Hurn Neighbourhood Plan will be published on the council's website at: [Completed plans | BCP](#)