

NORTON ST PHILIP PARISH COUNCIL

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Norton St. Philip says YES

Norton St Philip Parish Council is delighted that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) has been approved in the referendum held on 17th July 2025. 404 votes were cast with 398 in favour of adoption (98.5%) and 6 against. The Parish Council and Somerset Council are checking the turnout against the electoral roll.

Somerset Council will now begin the process of adoption at which point the Plan carries legal weight in the assessment and determination of planning applications in the parish.

The Parish Council thanks the community for its tremendous support. It also wishes to thank the Steering Group of parish residents who developed the Plan and also the professionals who, together with the officers at Somerset Council, helped guide the Plan through some difficult times to this outcome.

Ian Hasell, PC Chair, welcomed the result noting that “The Neighbourhood Plan’s vision is to maintain the special character and built heritage of Norton St Philip while promoting its development as a compact and sustainable community. The Neighbourhood Plan was developed by a steering group of residents and reflects the views and wishes of the community expressed during the extensive consultation exercises. The Plan will now play a hugely important role in helping guide future development of the village and wider parish. But the work is not complete and a review of the Plan will be needed in order to align with the new Somerset wide Local Plan, due to be adopted in 2029.”

On the day before the referendum however, Lochailort Investments Ltd filed a claim with the High Court starting legal proceedings against Somerset Council based on the claim that the NP’s Independent Examiner had not taken the government’s recent changes to the provision of housing into account. At the PC’s request, it is named as an Interested Party in these proceedings.

The PC has been in touch with both its legal advisors and Somerset Council. It will be considering how best to proceed and will keep the community fully informed of events as they unfold.

Norton St Philip PC

18th July 2025