Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Summary Report – Neighbourhood Plan 2 (LMNP2) WG

April 2026

Last meeting 24th. March 2026

Working Group Objective:
To prepare a new Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan (LMNP) with a target to have the plan ratified and adopted by the end of 2027.

Working Group Participants:
Peter Webb (Chair), Alf Bush, Ken Morgan, Peter Webb, Dave Ireson, Rob Aspray, Jackie Baker, Ralph Watts

Background:
The Lytchett Matravers NP (LMNP1) was adopted in 2017. Due to Green Belt restrictions, it was not able to allocate sites for future development. The principal benefit was an increase in CIL payments of approx. £120k.

PLP2 has now been approved by Dorset Council and will allow development of 3 sites in LM; 150 houses.

Dependencies:
- Outcome of the Dorset Local Plan Consultation
- Clarification of SHLAA sites in and around LM.

Conflicts of Interest:
- Two participants live adjacent to sites promoted in the Dorset Local Plan Consultation

One participant is a Trustee of the Village Hall.

Status/Next Steps:
1. Jo Witherden engaged as NP consultant but Locality grant scheme not renewed.
2. Comprehensive response to DLP Consultation developed and presented to PC. Subject to minuted amendments, report accepted and submitted to DC on November 13, 2025.
3. Develop Objectives for the Neighbourhood Plan from which policies can be derived.
4. Work with DC consultant to develop Design Code.
5. Continue to engage with local developers to influence choices regarding green spaces, village connectivity, parking arrangements, design code, etc.
6. Dorset Council not challenging HM Government Housing numbers.
7. Revised NPPF is out for consultation and its final shape will encompass National Development Management policies.
8. National and Dorset Council Design Codes in preparation and expected March/April 2026. WG assessing design guidelines for housing opportunity sites in DCLP consultation.
9. WG reviewing policies in 2017 Neighbourhood Plan in light of DCLP consultation response and to guide planners in their deliberations.
10. WG is looking to develop plans for a mix of retail & commercial premises alongside community facilities along the High Street side of the Rec. The WG will be consulting with existing and potential stakeholders to assess what is appropriate for the long term.
11. Awaiting updates from Dorset Council on a number of elements relevant to the WG's work. These are now expected end April/May and will inform future work.

Financial Forecast: **(£000's, excluding VAT)**		**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**
Expense to date		3		

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Forecast	Local NP Consultant Locality Grant Sundries	2	10	10
Total	Assumes Locality grant application is successful	5	10	10

Appendices: