Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Summary Report – New Neighbourhood Plan (LMNP 2026) WG

July 2025

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), Ralph Watts, Alf Bush, Ken Morgan, Matt Rigby, Dave Ireson, Rob Aspray, Jackie Baker

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:
- New NPPF introduced the concept of grey belt – land in the Green Belt that can be developed
- New Housing Targets for the Dorset Council ~80% higher than previous
- DC SHLAA sites around LM are extensive and there are large sites around Lytchett Minster.

Status/Next Steps:
1. The surveys and questionnaires generated a response from 480 residents and 20 village-based businesses.
2. The results are available and are published on the PC website.
3. The Dorset Council Local Plan consultation opened on August 18th. The closing date was extended to October 31st due to some technical difficulties.
4. Response to the Dorset Council Local Transport Plan has been submitted.
5. The response to the Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation is due on November 15th following an agreement on extending the date.
6. The PC will be asked to approve the response for submission on November 12th.

Financial Forecast: **(£000's, excluding VAT)**		**2025-26**	**2026-27**	**2027-28**
Expense to date				
Forecast	Local NP Consultant Locality Grant Sundries	20 n/a		
Total		20		

Appendices:
See NP2WG report

LMNP2 WG Report

Report of Lytchett Matravers Neighbourhood Plan 2 Working Group for Council on 22nd. October2025

NP2WG members:

Alf Bush, Rob Aspray, Ken Morgan, Matt Rigby, Peter Webb LMPC Councillors
Ralph Watts, Dave Ireson, Jackie Baker Residents.
IN attendance Jo Witherden Planning Consultant

Following representations to DC LMPC were granted an extension until 15th. November for submitting its response. The need for this extension arose as members of the WG have been absent for long planned reasons and having them able to contribute locally is important.

The working group has met once since its September meeting on October 15th. Work since the September meeting, at the October meeting and ongoing has been on drawing together draft thoughts on both the DCLP consultation questions and on the opportunity sites for development.

A meeting of the WG is scheduled for the 30th. September by which time there will be a near complete draft of the Consultation submission for the group to consider with a view to bringing it to the Parish Council for approval ahead of submission. The draft submission will be published in advance of the Parish Council meeting.

The submission will include reasons why LMPC considers the housing numbers proposed are too large. However, dealing with the questions and opportunity sites requires answering on the assumption that reducing the housing numbers significantly is unlikely given HM Government's stance on house building. In so answering and commenting the issues that will affect LM will be highlighted.

Issues over sustainability, infrastructure (water, sewage, roads, shops, GP surgery, Pharmacy, Library etc.) the services and facilities, the impact of the proposed Lytchett Garden Village, transport links, employment, green spaces, walking routes and other that affect the village and its sense of community will be made. Reference will be made to the recent Neighbourhood Plan survey and the desire to retain the feel of a village and cohesive community.

The working group acknowledges that there may be a number of differing views on elements of the consultation. Individuals have been able to make their own responses. Between those and the Parish Council DC will get a comprehensive view on what is or is not right in the DCLP for Lytchett Matravers.

P.J. Webb acting Chair NP2WG
20.10.2025