

Wetheringsett cum Brockford N'hood Plan

Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the adoption of the Wetheringsett cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 21 November 2024

The Wetheringsett cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037 contains policies for the use and development of land within the designated area (the parish). There is a statutory process which must be followed before this Plan can be 'made' (adopted). This involves holding a referendum, which will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections, including the need for Voter ID.

The question that will be asked of those entitled to vote is:

'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Wetheringsett cum Brockford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan. A person is entitled to vote in this referendum if;

- He or She is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; *and*
- He or She has an address at which they are registered to vote within the referendum area and are over the age of 18 years on the date of poll

The referendum area is identical to that originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area and follows the parish boundary. A map can be found within the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body wishing to campaign during the referendum period but are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,396.45. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which this limit has been calculated is 584.

Copies of the specified documents, meaning those listed below, can be viewed by following the links or by going to: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/WetheringsettNP

- A Statement setting out general information relating to this referendum (this document)
- The referendum version of the [Wetheringsett cum Brockford Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of this Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) on the submission draft plan (this includes the Parish Councils response to these). See also the [Examination Correspondence document](#) which has information on procedural matters and the examination queries.
- A [Decision Statement](#) (dated 16 July 2024) confirming that, subject to modification, the submission draft Plan met the basic conditions and other legislative requirements and that it could proceed to referendum

Printed copies of the referendum version Neighbourhood Plan have also been deposited in the porch at All Saints Church, Church Street, Wetheringsett, IP14 5PH for inspection or short-term loan.

The Counting Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council
Dated: Thursday 10 October 2024