

Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 14th March 2019.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is ‘Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sheepy Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Area.

A copy of the specified documents, that is, those listed below, may be inspected at:

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR between the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday

Market Bosworth Community Library, Station Road, Market Bosworth, CV13 0JS during normal library opening times – for up to date opening times please visit: www.marketbosworthcommunitylibrary.org

Atherstone Library, Long St, Atherstone CV9 1AX during normal library opening times – for up to date opening times please visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/atherstonelibrary>

Sibson Village Hall, Sheepy Road, Sibson, CV13 6LE during normal opening times – for up to date opening times please visit: <https://sibsonvillagehall.weebly.com/>

Sheepy Memorial Hall, 112 Main Road, Sheepy Magna, CV9 3QU during normal opening times – for up to date opening times please visit: <https://sheepymemorialhall.wixsite.com/hall>

The Specified documents are:

- Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version)
- Sheepy Parish Neighbourhood Plan Examiner’s Report
- Summary of Representations submitted to the Independent Examiner
- Basic Conditions and Compliance Statement
- General Information on town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum

All of the above documents can be viewed on the [Sheepy Parish Webpages](http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) on the Borough Council’s website at: <https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk>

The referendum area and eligibility to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on 14 March 2019:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the referendum area.

The qualifying address is the address a person is entitled to be registered at. The applicant or elector must be 'resident' at this address in accordance with electoral legislation. For most electors this means that they live at this address and conduct the main business of life there, but this is subject to certain exceptions including service voters, anonymous electors and those registered with no fixed address.

Applications to be included on the register of electors for this referendum must be received no later than **Tuesday 26 February 2019**.

You can check whether you are registered to vote by calling 01455 238141.

Individuals, bodies and groups may campaign for a 'yes' or 'no' vote. There is a legal limit to the amount of money that can be spent campaigning. The referendum expenses limit is £2422.12. This limit was calculated based on the number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum as of 1 February 2019, which was 1019.

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures that are similar to those used at local government elections.

How and where can I vote?

There are three ways to vote: in person, by post or by proxy.

In person

Vote at the polling station at;

Sibson Village Hall, Sheepy Road, Sibson, Nuneaton, Warks, CV13 6LE

Sheepy Magna All Saints Church, Main Road, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, Warks, CV9 3QS

between 7am and 10pm on 14 March 2019.

By post

Fill in an application form and send it to The Electoral Registration Officer, Hinckley Hub, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Rugby Road, Hinckley, LE10 0FR by **5pm on 27 February 2019**.

Ballot papers can be sent overseas, but you need to think about whether you will have time to receive and return your postal vote by 14 March 2019, in these cases a proxy is recommended.

You should receive your postal vote about a week before polling day. If it doesn't arrive in time, you can get a replacement from 8 March 2019 up until to 5pm on 14 March 2019.

By proxy

You may be able to vote by proxy. This means allowing somebody you can trust to vote on your behalf. The deadline to submit your proxy vote application is 5pm on 6 March 2019.

Postal and Proxy vote application forms are available from the Elections team on 01455 238141 or can be downloaded from the Electoral Commission website at <https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/>

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