



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

Desford Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Desford Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 6 May 2021.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is 'Do you want Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Desford 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 Desford Neighbourhood Area.

A copy of the specified documents can be viewed online: www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/desfordplan

The Borough Council will make hard copies of the documents available in line with the coronavirus restrictions which are in place at the time; if restrictions are eased hard copies may be inspected at:

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR

Desford Library, Main Street Desford Leicestershire LE9 9JP

Where access to the website is not possible, the Borough Council may be able to provide hard copies of the documents where practicable to do so.

The Specified documents are:

- Desford Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version)
- Desford 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

The referendum area and eligibility to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on 6 May 2021:

- 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 19 April 2021

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 £2570.33. This limit was calculated based on the number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum as of 1 March 2021, which was 3531.

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;

- Botcheston Village Hall, Main Street, Botcheston, Leicester, LE9 9FF
- St Martin's Church Centre, Main Street, Desford, LE9 9JP

between **7:00am and 10:00pm** on **6 May 2021**.

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 **20 April 2021**.

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 6 May 2021, 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 Electoral Services, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 0FR up until to 5pm on 6 May 2021.

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 **27 April 2021**.

Postal and Proxy vote application forms are available from the Elections team on 01455 238141 or can be downloaded from the [Electoral Commission website](#).

Desford Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Area
DESFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DESIGNATED AREA

