

Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 23 June 2022.

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

A copy of the specified documents can be viewed online:
<https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/barlestoneplan>

The Borough Council will make hard copies of the documents available at:

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

The Specified documents are:

- Barlestone Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version)
- Barlestone 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 23 June 2022:

- 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 **7 June 2022**.

You can check whether you are registered to vote by calling and asking for the Elections Team on 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 **£2476.52**. This limit was calculated based on the number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum as of 3 May 2022, which was **1941**.

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;

- **Barlestone Community Centre, Bosworth Road, Barlestone, Nuneaton, Warks, CV13 0HU**

between **7:00am and 10:00pm** on **23 June 2022**.

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 **8 June 2022**.

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 23 June 2022, 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 3 March 2022.

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 **15 June 2022**.

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

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