

Witherley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum - Information Statement for voting

General overview

A referendum relating to the making/adoption of the Witherley Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

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

A copy of the specified documents can be viewed online:

www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/witherleyplan

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
- **By prior request only:** Witherley Parish Clerk, 01827 880548, clerk@witherleyparishcouncil.gov.uk - <https://www.witherleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The Specified documents are:

- Witherley Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version)
- Witherley Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report
- Representations submitted to the Independent Examiner at Regulation 16
- The Basic Conditions and Compliance Statement
- General Information on Planning (including neighbourhood planning)

The referendum area and eligibility to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum on 4 May 2023 if:

- you are entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area and
- your 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 17 April 2023.

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 £2432.86. This limit was

calculated based on the number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum as of 1 March 2023, which was 1201.

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;

- **All Saints C of E Parish Church**, Church Lane, Ratcliffe Culey, CV9 3PA
- **St Michael & All Angels C of E Parish Church**, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton, CV13 6BA
- **Witherley Parish Room**, Chapel Lane, Witherley, CV9 3LR

between **7:00am and 10:00pm on 4 May 2023.**

From 4 May 2023, all voters at the polling station will need to show a form of accepted photographic identification. If you do not have an acceptable document, you can apply for a free form of voter identification called a Voter Authority Certificate.

For a full list of accepted documents and information on how to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate, please visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>.

By post

Fill in an application form to vote by post and send it to The Electoral Registration Officer, Hinckley Hub, Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, Rugby Road, Hinckley, LE10 0FR by **5pm on 18 April 2023.**

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 4 May 2023, in these cases a proxy is recommended.

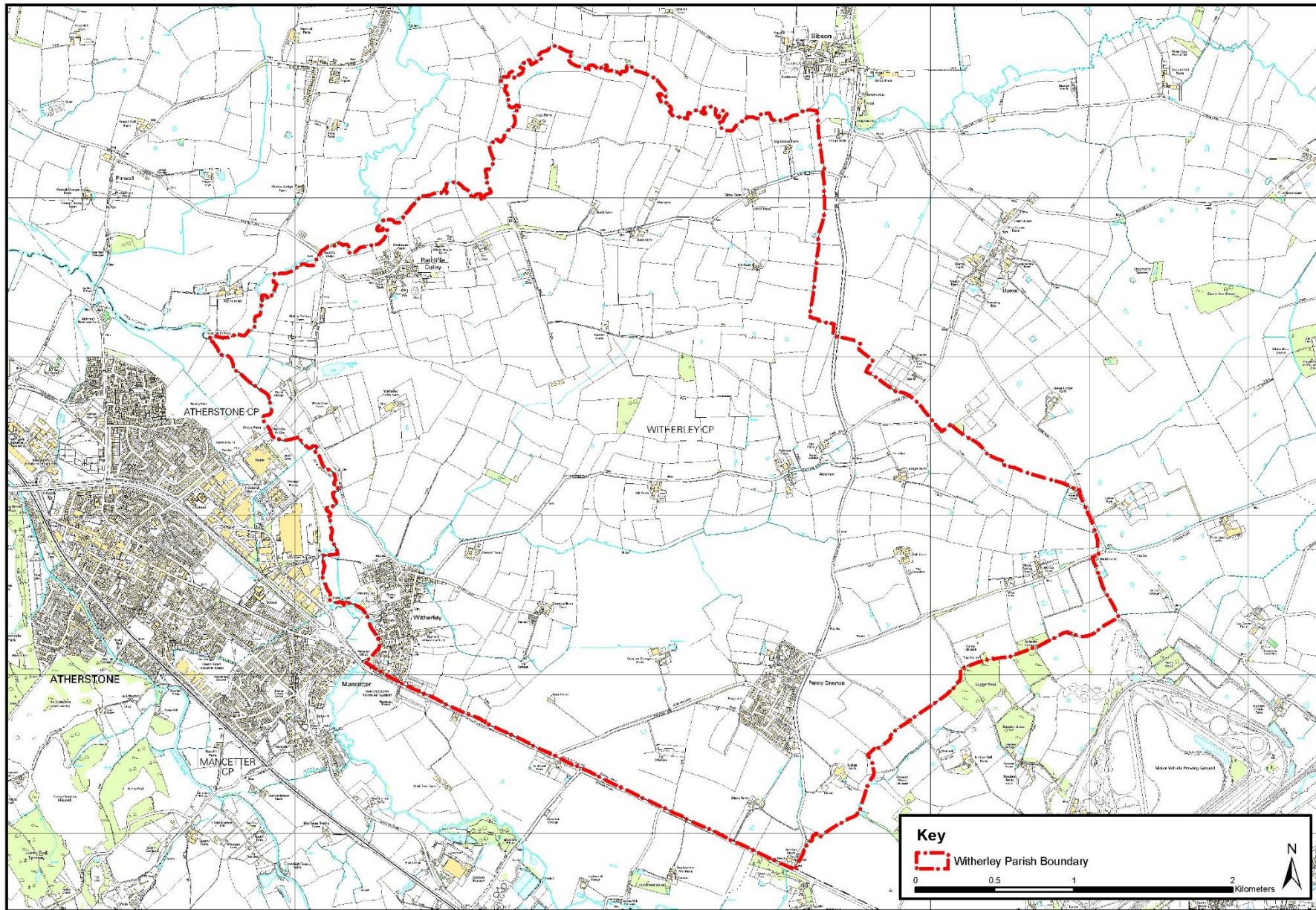
You should receive your postal vote about a week before polling day. If it doesn't arrive in time, you can get a replacement from Electoral Services, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 0FR up until to 5pm on 4 May 2023.

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 25 April 2023.**

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

Witherley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Area



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