

Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022

The 'Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan 2018 – 2037' contains planning policies for the use and development of land within the designated area.

There is a statutory process which must be followed before a neighbourhood plan can be 'made' (adopted). That involves holding a referendum, which is conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

Those entitled to vote will be asked to answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the following question:

'Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Long Melford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Babergh District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan framework.

A person is entitled to vote in the 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 which was originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area and follows the parish boundary. A map can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the referendum period for referendum purposes but are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,546.61

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 3129

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed by following the appropriate links or by going to www.babergh.gov.uk/LongMelfordNP

- The referendum version of the [Long Melford Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of the Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) and the [Parish Council Response](#), both of which were submitted to the Independent Examiner
- A [Decision Statement](#) (published on 24 June 2022) which confirms that, subject to modification, the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it can proceed to referendum, *and*
- A Statement that sets out general information relating to neighbourhood plan referendum (this document).

Printed copies of the Plan etc. have also been deposited at the following locations in Long Melford, where they can viewed on request.: the Parish Council Office and Library (Cordell Road), at Holy Trinity Church (The Green), at 'Breakout' (10 Little St Mary's, CO10 9LB) and at 'Dilly Dally' (Southdown House, Hall St, CO10 9JL)

The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council

Friday 16 September 2022