

Harpole Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Harpole Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 27 July 2017.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan contains policies for the use of land in a designated neighbourhood area. In 2012 Harpole Parish Council decided to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and public consultation has taken place on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Harpole Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared for the designated Harpole Neighbourhood Area (shown below and on the Council's website at: <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/3823.htm>) The Plan covers the period to 2029.

There is a statutory process which must be followed for the making of a Neighbourhood Plan. The process involves the holding of a Referendum.

The question, which is specified in the Regulations, which will be asked for the Referendum is:

'Do you want South Northamptonshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Harpole to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood area?'

If more than half of those voting in the referendum vote 'Yes' in response to the question above then the Neighbourhood Plan must be 'made' (adopted) by South Northamptonshire Council and the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the Development Plan for the District. This means that the Plan will be used in the determination of planning applications for the designated area of Harpole Parish.

Further information about neighbourhood planning is available on the following websites:

<http://locality.org.uk>

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/3823.htm>

<http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/neighbourhood-planning/>

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Harpole Neighbourhood Plan area and is shown on the map below.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 27 July 2017.:-

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of South Northamptonshire Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2435. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1241.

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

In accordance with the regulations specified documents must be provided for the Referendum. These are available for public viewing and may be inspected at:

- The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 6AD - during opening hours which are Monday to Friday: 9:00am - 5:15pm

- The Harpole All Saints Church, Corner of High Street and School Lane, Harpole, Northamptonshire, NN7 4DH, during opening hours between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm, confirm opening hours with the venue.

The documents are:

- This Information Statement, which provides general information about neighbourhood planning, the referendum and a map of the referendum area;

- The Draft Harpole Neighbourhood Plan (the referendum version);

- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;

- Summaries of the written representations submitted to the independent examiner;

- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the Harpole Neighbourhood Plan as recommended for modification by the Examiner meets the necessary legal and procedural requirements, and background information.

The documents are also available for public viewing on the Council's website at:

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/8361.htm>

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