

Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Biddulph Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 7 December 2023.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Biddulph to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area is identified on a plan which is included at the end of this information statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Biddulph Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum on 7 December 2023 if:

- 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. 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 registered.
- Voting at the referendum note: New legislation requires electors to show one of the acceptable forms of photographic identification, stipulated under the legislation, at the polling station when voting in person. If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photographic identification already you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or contact our helpline on 0345 605 3015 for assistance. The Certificate application deadline is 5pm, 6 working days before the date of the referendum.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £3294.31. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 15751

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

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be accessed on the Councils website using the following link:

<https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/article/6721/Biddulph---Notice-of-Submitted-Plan--Neighbourhood-Development-Order-Proposals>

The documents are:

- Biddulph Neighbourhood Development Decision
- Examiner's documents
- Examiner's report
- This information statement.

The documents can be viewed online at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Offices Monday – Friday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Inspection of a hard copy of the documents can be arranged by contacting the Planning Department Staffordshire Moorlands District Council:

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Map of the Referendum Area

