

Highworth Neighbourhood Planning Referendum – Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Swindon Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 25 May 2017**.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

‘Do you want Swindon Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Highworth 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 Highworth Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on **Tuesday 9th May 2017**

- 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 persons 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.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,362 + (£0.059 per elector) as at the publication of the revised register for the area. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 8721.

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 inspected at:

- Swindon Borough Council Offices, Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm
- Highworth Library at the following times:

Monday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am - 6.00pm
Thursday	9.00am - 4.00pm
Friday	12.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm

- or on the Council website www.swindon.gov.uk

In addition the specified documents are:

- the draft Highworth neighbourhood plan;
- the report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- a summary of the representation submitted to the independent examiner;
- a statement of the Local Planning Authority’s satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- a statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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