

Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Planning Referendum – Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 6th May 2021**.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

‘Do you want Swindon Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Stratton St Margaret 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.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Wednesday 28th April 2021

- 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 £2362 + (£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 16149.

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:

- A.** Copies are available online at https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_and_surveys

If you are unable to access the material online, please see below.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainties, the specified documents cannot be made available for physical viewing in the usual way. The following alternative arrangements are in place for the inspection of physical copies for those who are **unable** to view them on the council’s website:

- B.** A physical copy of the specified documents will be made available (such as by post or alternative arrangement) by contacting:

Address	Times
Stratton St Margaret Parish Council Meadowcroft Community Centre Addison Crescent Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 7JX 01793 823761	By prior arrangement only. Times available for making such arrangements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, 9:00am – 4:30pm• Tuesday, 9:00am – 4:30pm• Wednesday, 9:00am – 4:30pm

<p>info@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, 9:00am – 4:30pm Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm <p>(closed on Bank Holidays)</p>
<p>Swindon Borough Council:</p> <p>Main reception</p> <p>01793 445500</p> <p>forward.planning@swindon.gov.uk</p> <p>Customer Services Reception</p> <p>Swindon Borough Council</p> <p>Economy & Development</p> <p>Civic Offices</p> <p>Euclid Street</p> <p>Swindon</p> <p>SN1 2JH</p>	<p>By prior arrangement only. Please quote Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan referendum when arranging an appointment.</p> <p>Times available for making such arrangements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 9.00am to 5.00pm Tuesday, 9.00am to 4.00pm Wednesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm <p>(closed on public bank holidays)</p>

C. If you are unable to access a copy under (A) or (B) above for good reason, the specified documents can be inspected at the following location, but not before 'Step 2' (which will not be before the 12th of April 2021) of the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown (published on the 22nd February 2021) is announced.

Address	Times
<p>Swindon Borough Council</p> <p>01793 445500</p> <p>customerservices@swindon.gov.uk</p>	<p>By prior arrangement only. Please quote Stratton St Margaret Neighbourhood Plan Referendum when arranging an appointment.</p> <p>Arrangement and viewing to be made between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 9.00am to 5.00pm

<p>Customer Services Reception Wat Tyler House Princes Street Swindon SN1 2JG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 9.00am to 4.00pm • Wednesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm • Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm • Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm <p>(closed on public bank holidays)</p>
<p>Beechcroft Library</p> <p>Beechcroft Library, Beechcroft Road, Upper Stratton, Swindon, SN2 7QQ</p> <p>01793 680030</p> <p>beechcroft.library@strattonstmargaret.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 10.00am – 4.00pm • Wednesday 10.00am – 4.00pm • Thursday: 10.00am – 4.00pm • Friday: 10.00am – 2.00pm • Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm <p>(closed on public bank holidays)</p> <p><i>No prior appointment is necessary however it is advisable to check for any opening updates before making a journey.</i></p>

In addition the specified documents are:

- the draft Stratton St Margaret neighbourhood plan;
- the report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- a summary of the representations 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.

Date 17th March 2021

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