

## Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Planning Referendum – Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Blunsdon East Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

**‘Do you want Swindon Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Blunsdon East 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1732.

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](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 can be made available (such as by post or alternative arrangement) by contacting:

Address	Times
Blunsdon Parish Council:  Tracey Judd 01793 705617  <a href="mailto:traceyblunsdon@gmail.com">traceyblunsdon@gmail.com</a>	By prior arrangement only.  Times available for making such arrangements are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Tuesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Wednesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li><li>• Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm</li></ul>

	<p><b>(closed on public bank holidays)</b></p> <p><i>Please leave an answerphone message if your call is not answered and your call will be returned.</i></p>
<p>Swindon Borough Council:</p> <p>Main reception</p> <p>01793 445500</p> <p><a href="mailto:forward.planning@swindon.gov.uk">forward.planning@swindon.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Customer Services Reception Wat Tyler House Princes Street Swindon SN1 2JG</p>	<p>By prior arrangement only. Please quote <b>Blunston Neighbourhood Plan referendum</b> when arranging an appointment.</p> <p>Times available for making such arrangements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>• Tuesday, 9.00am to 4.00pm</li> <li>• Wednesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>• Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>• Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> </ul> <p><b>(closed on public bank holidays)</b></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 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2021) of the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown' (published on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021) is announced.

Address	Times
<p>Swindon Borough Council</p> <p>01793 445500</p> <p><a href="mailto:customerservices@swindon.gov.uk">customerservices@swindon.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Customer Services Reception Wat Tyler House Princes Street</p>	<p>By prior arrangement only. Please quote <b>Blunston Neighbourhood Plan referendum</b> when arranging an appointment.</p> <p>Arrangement and viewing to be made between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> <li>• Tuesday, 9.00am to 4.00pm</li> <li>• Wednesday, 9.00am to 5.00pm</li> </ul>

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- Thursday, 9.00am to 5.00pm
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In addition the specified documents are:

- the draft Blunsdon East 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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