

Ashwell Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Ashwell Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 3 March 2022. The Notice of Referendum is attached.

The question which will be asked in the referendum is:

“Do you want North Hertfordshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ashwell 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 Ashwell Neighbourhood Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 3 March 2022:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum Area;
- his or her qualifying address for the election is 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 pence per elector. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum, by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1559.

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

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected on line at:

[Approved Neighbourhood Areas - Ashwell | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/Approved-Neighbourhood-Areas-Ashwell)

Paper copies of the specified documents will also available to view from 1 February at:

Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF by appointment only.

The specified documents are:

- The Ashwell Neighbourhood Plan;
- The Report of the Independent Examiner;
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;

- The statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- This information statement;
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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