

Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Preston Parish Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 5 March 2020. 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 Preston Parish 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 Preston Neighbourhood Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 5 March 2020 :

- 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 347.

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:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/approved-neighbourhood-areas-preston>

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at:

Council Offices, Town Lodge, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3HN during the office hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm

The specified documents are:

- The Preston Parish 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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