

Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 27 October 2022

The 'Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan 2016 - 2036' contains planning policies for the use and development of land within the designated area.

There is a statutory process which must be followed before a neighbourhood plan can be 'made' (adopted). That involves holding a referendum, which is conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

Those entitled to vote will be asked to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the following question:

'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Woolpit to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan framework.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if;

- He or She is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; *and*
- He or She has an address at which they are registered to vote within the referendum area and are over the age of 18 years on the date of poll.

The referendum area is identical to that which was originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area, and follows the parish boundary. A map can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the referendum period for referendum purposes but are subject to a limit calculated to be £2463.77

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1725

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed by following the appropriate links or by going to www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/WoolpitNP

- The referendum version of the [Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of the Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) and the [Parish Council Responses](#), both of which were submitted to the Independent Examiner
- A [Decision Statement](#) (first published on 19 October 2020) which confirms that, subject to modification, the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it can proceed to referendum, *and*
- A Statement (this document), setting out general information relating to the referendum

Printed copies of the Plan etc. have also been deposited with the Chair and Clerk of the Parish Council and can be viewed on request. In the first instance, please call the Clerk on tel: 01359 245895 (Tue & Thur 10:30am until 2:00pm) or the Chair on tel: 01359 24100