

Neighbourhood Development Plan – Referendum

Herefordshire Council has given notice that a referendum relating to the Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **Thursday 12 July 2018**.

The referendum is the final key stage in the process of our Neighbourhood Development Plan, prepared over nearly five years (since July 2013) by a Working Group under the direction of Much Marcle Parish Council.

The question to be asked in the referendum is:

Do you want Herefordshire Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Much Marcle to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

Therefore, the referendum will be about acceptance of the whole plan.

The referendum process

The referendum will be undertaken in accordance with procedures similar to those used at Local Government Elections, and will be organised by Herefordshire Council.

What area will be covered?

The referendum area is identical to the area designated as the [Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan area](#) (i.e. Much Marcle parish).

Who can vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on **Thursday 12 July 2018**:

- 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.

What will the required outcome be?

Our plan is required to obtain 50% plus one of those turning out to vote in the referendum to vote 'yes' in order for the plan to be adopted by Herefordshire Council. If there is a majority 'no' vote or a tied vote then the plan will not be adopted and will not come into legal force.

How will the referendum be advertised?

Information regarding our Neighbourhood Development Plan referendum is available on Herefordshire Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpages.

The referendum will be advertised on the Parish Council website muchmarcleparishcouncil.org, on the notice board at The Bartons, at Much Marcle Stores and at other community facilities around the parish.

Copies of the Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan will be available to download from the Parish Council website

muchmarcleparishcouncil.org and may also be inspected at:

- Much Marcle Stores, The Memorial Hall, The Royal Oak, The Slip Tavern, The Walwyn Arms, Graham Baker Motors, Rushall Club, Westons Cider; and
- Home addresses of each Parish Councillor.

A number of specified documents are available to download from

Herefordshire Council's website below and may also be inspected during normal opening hours at:

- The Hereford Centre, Hereford Customer Services, Franklin House, 4 Commercial Road, Hereford, HR1 2BB
- Blueschool House, 1 Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX
- Hereford Library, Town Hall, St Owen Street, Hereford, HR1 2PJ
- Leominster Library, 8 The Buttercross, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8BN

The specified documents are:

- The [Much Marcle Neighbourhood Development Plan](#)
- The [independent examiners report](#)
- The [summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner](#) pursuant to paragraph 9 of schedule 4B to the 1990 Act;
- A [Decision statement](#) of the Local Planning Authorities satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Development 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 Act 2004; and
- A statement setting out [general information on town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum](#).

Following a successful referendum

After a positive referendum, our plan will be recommended to Herefordshire Council's Cabinet and full Council for adoption. Once our Plan is adopted it will become part of the Local Development Framework (the Statutory Development Plan) and be used to determine planning applications.