

Stoke upon Tern Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Stoke upon Tern Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 6 May 2021.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Shropshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke upon Tern 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 Stoke upon Tern Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Monday 19 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 £2,362 + (£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 1,112.

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 on line:

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-and-community-led-plans/emerging-neighbourhood-plans/stoke-upon-tern-neighbourhood-plan/>

The availability of hard copy documents in public buildings for members of the general public to view may be challenging at this current time due to the Government's requirements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst the following location is currently closed to the public, access can be arranged to view the documents by calling Planning Policy on 0345 678 9004.

- Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND Monday – Friday during office hours

The specified documents are:

- The Stoke upon Tern Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan ;
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A statement by the local planning authority 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 about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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