

# Bishop's Castle Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

## Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Bishop's Castle Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

**'Do you want Shropshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bishop's Castle 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 Bishop's Castle neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Tuesday 16 April 2024:

- 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 £2,449.67. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum, by reference to which that limit has been calculated, is 1,486.

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 online:

[Bishops Castle Neighbourhood Plan | Shropshire Council](#)

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

- Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND  
Monday – Friday during office hours
- Bishop's Castle Library, Enterprise House Station Street Bishops Castle  
Shropshire SY9 5AQ, during the hours below:  
Monday: 10:00 – 13:00                      Friday: 10:00 – 17:00  
Tuesday: 10:00 – 17:00                      Saturday: 10:00 – 13:00

The specified documents are:

- The Bishop's Castle 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.

Dated: Thursday 21 March 2024

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