

Hartlepool Rural Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Hartlepool Rural Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 4 October 2018.

Notice of Referendum is included with this information statement.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Hartlepool Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Hartlepool Rural area to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included as Appendix 1 to this information statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Hartlepool Rural area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 18 September 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.

The Referendum Expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2487.38. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 2125 (based on electorate at 27 July 2018).

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

A copy of the specific documents, that is those documents listed below, maybe inspected online:

www.hartlepool.gov.uk/ruralneighbourhoodplan

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

Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY - Monday-Friday (9am-4.30pm)

Copies of the documents will also be available within Elwick WI Hall, Hart Village Hall, Greatham Community Centre and Dalton Piercy Village Hall.

The specified documents are:

- The Hartlepool Rural Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2031
- Report of the Independent Examiner
- Summary of the representations made to the independent examiner
- 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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