

Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037

Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the adoption of the Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Tuesday 21 November 2023

The 'Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037' contains planning policies for the use and development of land within the designated area. There is a statutory process which must be followed before this Plan can be 'made' (adopted). This involves holding a referendum, which will be 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 Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sproughton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', Babergh 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 this 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. The area map can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see links 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 £2,442.06

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,357 (*figure correct at time of publication*).

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed online by going to: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/w/sproughton-neighbourhood-plan>

- The referendum version of the [Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of the Plan
- The [Written Representations](#), and the [Parish Council Response](#) to these, all of which were submitted to the Independent Examiner
- A [Decision Statement](#) (published on 16 August 2023) 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 referendum version Plan have also been deposited with the Parish Clerk and are available for loan on request. In the first instance, please contact Ms Webber on 07538 311 567 during sociable hours.

The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council

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