Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan

Information Statement for Referendum on 16th September 2021



Introduction

A referendum on the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on Thursday, 16th September 2021. The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

The question to be asked in the referendum is:

"Do you want Mid Sussex District to use the neighbourhood plan for Copthorne to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The neighbourhood area is the entire area of the Copthorne and Worth Ward. A map showing the designated area can be found at:

https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/neighbourhood-plans/

Can I vote?

You can vote in the referendum if you live in the Copthorne and Worth Ward and:

- · you are registered to vote in local council elections; and
- you are 18 years of age or over on 16th September 2021.

You have to be registered to vote by Tuesday 31st August 2021, to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered to vote by calling our Helpline on 01444 477003.

Referendum Expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,598. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 3,993.

Specified Documents

The relevant regulations state that we must make available the following documents:

- The referendum version of the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan
- The independent examiner's report on the draft Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A statement setting out that Mid Sussex District Council agrees that the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and relevant Regulations (included within the document known as the Decision Statement)
- A statement setting out general information as to Town and Country Planning (including Neighbourhood Planning) and the referendum (included within the 'Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan: Voting Information for Referendum on 16th September 2021, document)

A link to these documents has been made available online at:

https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/neighbourhood-plans/

Copies of the documents can also be viewed at:

- Mid Sussex District Council offices, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS (normal office hours apply); and
- Worth Parish Council Offices, 1st Floor, The Parish Hub, Borers Arms Road, Copthorne, RH10 3ZQ