

Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037

Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the adoption of the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 4 April 2024

The 'Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037' contains planning policies for the use and development of land within the designated area (the parish). 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 Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hoxne to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% of the cast votes are 'yes', Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this plan as part of its development 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 originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area and follows the parish boundary. A map of the area 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 £2,403.06

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which this limit has been calculated is 696 (*figure correct at time of publication*).

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed online by going to <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/HoxneNP>

- A Statement (this document) setting out general information relating to the referendum.
- The referendum version of the Hoxne Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of the Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) on the submission draft plan and the [Parish Councils response](#) to these. All were made available to the Independent Examiner.
- A [Decision Statement](#) (published on 21 July 2023) which confirmed that subject to modification the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it can proceed to referendum, *and*

Printed copies of the referendum version Plan have also been made available to borrow from the following local deposit points: Hoxne Telephone Box Lending Library, Hoxne Post Office Stores, *and at* St Peter & St Paul with St Edmund Church.

The Counting Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council

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