

Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement



A Referendum relating to the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 11 October, 2018.

A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Cannock Chase District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hednesford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area for Hednesford is identified on the map which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area that has been designated as the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 11 October, 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 person's 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 £3,155.26. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 13,445.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections. If there is a majority (i.e. more than 50%) in favour, then Cannock Chase District Council will 'make' the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan. If there is no majority, including if the result is tied, then the Neighbourhood Plan will not be made part of the statutory development plan for the local area.

The specified documents are:

- [The Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan \(Submission Version: January, 2018\)](#)
- [The Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan;\(Referendum Version\)](#)
- [The Independent Examiner's report on the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan;](#)
- [Summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner following consultation on the Plan;](#)
- [Decision Statement from the Local Planning Authority that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements;](#)
- A statement that sets out general information in respect of town and country planning, including neighbourhood planning. (See below and [Government guidance](#))

Copies of the specified documents can be viewed at:

- Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG.
Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.
- Hednesford Library, Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1AD
- Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4EP

The documents can also be viewed online at:

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning>

Counting Officer

Cannock Chase District Council,
Civic Centre,
Beecroft Road,
Cannock WS11 1BG

Dated: 3 September, 2018

General Information on Neighbourhood Plans

What is the Development Plan?

In Cannock Chase District, the Development Plan currently consists of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2006-2028 and the Minerals and Waste Local Plans produced by Staffordshire County Council.

All Neighbourhood Plans that pass the Referendum are then “made” (adopted) by the District Council and they then become part of the District’s Development Plan.

The Development Plan is supported by a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which provide further guidance e.g. the Design SPD (2016).

The Development Plan and supplementary planning guidance are used to determine planning applications and to provide a framework for sustainable development in the District overall.

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning for the areas in which they live and work.

A Town or Parish Council is responsible for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan in Cannock Chase District (or neighbourhood forums for non-parished areas, where applicable). This Plan can show how the community wants to shape the development of their local area. The community can consider a range of issues including where they want new developments to be built; what those new buildings should look like; and what infrastructure should be provided. In this case, the Hednesford Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Hednesford Town Council.

Neighbourhood Planning in Hednesford

The Referendum area is identified on the map contained within the Information Statement as the Parish area of Hednesford Town Council and is identical to the area which has been designated as the Hednesford Neighbourhood Area.

Further information on neighbourhood planning is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance>

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning>

For queries about planning issues and Neighbourhood Planning in general please contact Cannock Chase District Council Planning Policy team:

planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or telephone 01543 462621 and ask for Planning Policy.

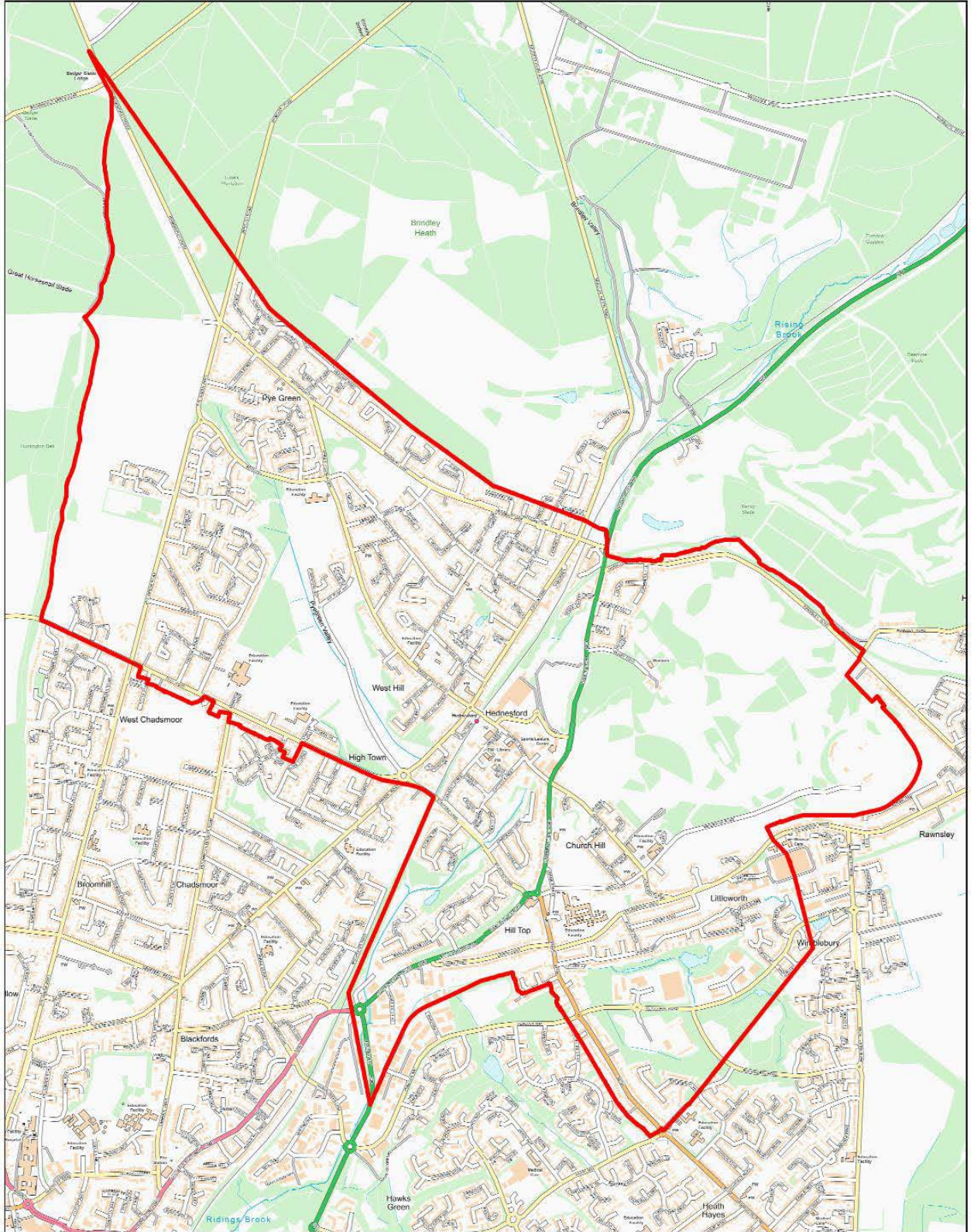


Hednesford Parish



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