

Cannock Wood Neighbourhood Plan Referendum -Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Cannock Wood Neighbourhood Plan will be held Thursday 4 January 2024.

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 Cannock Wood to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this information statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Cannock Wood Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 4 January 2024.

- they are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- their 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 they are entitled to be registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is $\pounds 2409.08$. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 798.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are 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 Cannock Wood 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.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected online <u>Neighbourhood Planning | Cannock Chase District Council</u> (cannockchasedc.gov.uk)

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

- Cannock Chase Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, WS11 1BG Monday – Friday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.
- Burntwood Library, Sankeys Corner, Bridge Cross Road, Burntwood, WS7 2BX.



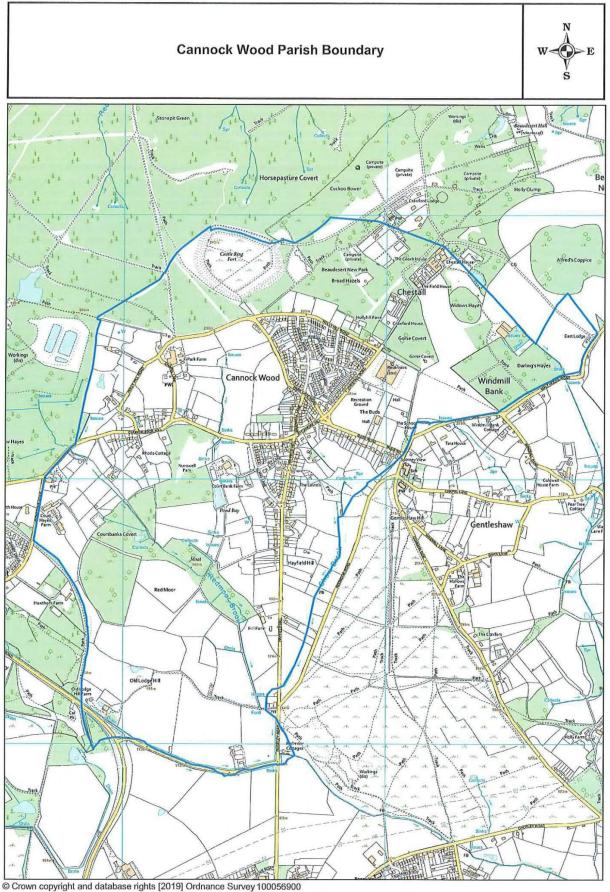
The specified documents are:

- Cannock Wood Neighbourhood Development Plan,
- report of the independent examiner,
- summary of the representations submitted 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, and
- a statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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