

Information Statement

Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:-

“Do you want Stafford Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Barlaston Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

The Referendum area is identified on the attached map.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on Friday 12 April 2019:

- 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 persons 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 £2,493.57. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 2,230.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at Local Government elections.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected on line:- <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/barlaston-neighbourhood-plan-referendum>

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

- Stafford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford, ST16 3AQ. Monday - Thursday 8.30 am - 5.00 pm, Friday 8.30 am - 4.30 pm.
- One Shop, Station Road, Barlaston ST12 9DH. Opening times = Monday to Saturday: 6.30 am to 10 pm, Sunday: 7.30 am to 10 pm
- Kitsons Chemist, 8 Orchard Place, Barlaston ST12 9DL. Opening times = Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm, except lunch 1 - 2 pm Saturday: 9.30 am to 1 pm

- Premier Barlaston, 2 Orchard Place, Barlaston ST12 9DL. Opening times = Monday to Saturday: 6.00 am to 9.00 pm, Sunday: 7.00 am to 9.00 pm
- Country Cabin, 10 Holding, Barlaston Road, Blurton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4AL. Opening times = Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 5.30 pm; Friday 8.30 am to 5.30 pm; Saturday: 8.30 am to 5.00 pm; Sunday: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

The specified documents are:-

- The Barlaston Neighbourhood Plan;
- Report of the independent examiner;
- 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*;
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

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