

Acton Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2037 Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the Acton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 18 July 2024.

The Acton 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 is 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 Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Acton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Babergh District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its planning framework. A person is entitled to vote in the 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 can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further 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 £2456.22

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,597

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed by following the appropriate links or by going to www.babergh.gov.uk/ActonNP

- A Statement setting out general information relating to this referendum (*this document*).
- The referendum version of the [Acton Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- 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](#). Also, the [focused consultation responses](#). All were made available to the Independent Examiner. See also the [Examination Correspondence document](#) for other related correspondence.
- A [Decision Statement](#) (first published on 5 March 2024) which confirms 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 can also be seen / loaned on request from the Acton Village Store, 5 High Street, Acton, CO10 0AL during normal business hours.

The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council

Dated: Thursday 6 June 2024