

Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement



A local referendum on the Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 24 July 2025.

The Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan 2023 - 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 the following question:

'Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Copdock & Washbrook 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 development plan.

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 designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area and follows the parish boundary. A map of the Plan area can be found within the referendum version Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the referendum period for referendum purposes but these are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,418.11

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 951 (*figure correct at time of publication*).

Copies of the specified documents, (i.e., those listed below), can be viewed by following the appropriate links or by going to: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/CopdockWashbrookNP>

- A Statement setting out general information relating to this referendum (this document)
- The referendum version of the [Copdock & Washbrook Neighbourhood Plan](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of this Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) on the submission draft plan (this includes the Parish Councils response to these). See also the [Examination Correspondence document](#) which provided information on procedural matters, etc., *and*
- A [Decision Statement](#) (published on 28 March 2025) which confirms that, subject to modification, the submission draft Plan met the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it could proceed to referendum.

Printed copies of the referendum version Plan have also been deposited with the Parish Council. To access these, in the first instance, please contact the Parish Clerk (Sue Frankis) on tel no: 07849 055 699 during sociable hours to arrange collection.

The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council

Dated: Thursday 12 June 2025