

Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 2037 Referendum Information Statement



A local referendum on the Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 14 November 2024.

The Edwardstone Neighbourhood Plan 2021 - 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 Edwardstone 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 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 these are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,380.52

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 314.

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/EdwardstoneNP

- A Statement setting out general information relating to this referendum (this document)
- The referendum version of the [Edwardstone 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 provides information on procedural matters, *and*
- A [Decision Statement](#) (first published on 28 August 2024) 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 Neighbourhood Plan have also been deposited at the Edwardstone White Horse (Mill Green, CO10 5PX) and at Boxford Post Office (Swan Street, Boxford, CO10 5PA) for inspection or short-term loan during normal opening hours.

**The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council
Dated: Friday 4 October 2024**