

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 Referendum Information Statement



A referendum relating to the adoption of Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 will be held on Thursday 28 November 2024

Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2 (LNP2) has been prepared by Lavenham Parish Council to replace LNP1, which was adopted by Babergh District Council in 2016. LNP2 contains a suite of policies relating to the use and development of land within the parish up to 2037 and beyond. There is a statutory process which must be followed before LNP2 can be 'made' (adopted). This involves the holding a local referendum which will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections, including the need for Voter ID.

The question that will be asked of those entitled to vote is: ***'Do you want Babergh District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Lavenham 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) LNP2 as part of its development plan.

A person will be 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 of this area can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body who registers to campaign during the referendum period but these are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,460.23. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which this limit has been calculated is 1,665.

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

- A Statement setting out general information relating to this referendum (this document)
- The referendum version of [Lavenham Neighbourhood Plan 2](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the May 2023 submission draft Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) on the submission draft plan, and 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 20 May 2024) which confirmed 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 LNP2 [together with the Design Guide 2023, and Landscape Character & Sensitivity Assessment 2023: now collectively referred to as Parts A, B, & C of LNP2] have been deposited at Lavenham Library, Lavenham Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9QT, from where they can be viewed / loaned for a short period on request during normal library opening hours.

The Counting Officer, Babergh District Council | Dated: Friday 18 October 2024