Ash Neighbourhood Planning Referendum – Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Ash Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 22 July 2021.**

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

'Do you want Dover District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Ash to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The Referendum area is identified on the <u>map</u> which is included with this information statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Ash Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Tuesday 6 July 2021:

- They are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- Their qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address in respect of which they are entitled to be registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,362 + (£0.059 per elector) which is a limit of £2,516.40. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 2617.

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 at:

- the Dover District Council Offices, Whitfield, Monday to Friday between the hours of 10am and 2pm by appointment only. You can make an appointment by calling 01304-821199
- or on the Council website <u>www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy-and-Regeneration/Neighbourhood-Planning/Ash-Neighbourhood-Plan-Consultation.aspx</u>

The specified documents are:

- the draft Ash neighbourhood plan;
- the report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan;
- a summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- <u>a statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets</u> the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- <u>a statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.</u>

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