

High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 16th September 2021.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Stockport Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?”

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included with this Information Statement. The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area.

Who is entitled to vote?

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Thursday 16th September 2021:

- The person is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area (is registered to vote and is 18 years of age or over on Thursday 16th September 2021); and
- The person’s 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 the person is entitled to be registered.

You have to be registered to vote by 31st August 2021 in order to vote in the referendum.

You can check if you are registered to vote by calling 0161 217 6026. If you are not on the electoral register, you will need to go online to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and complete an online application form.

How to vote

There are three ways of voting:

In person: on Thursday 16th September 2021

- Most people vote in person at their local polling station. It is easy and a member of staff will always help if you are not sure what to do.
- You will receive a poll card telling you where your polling station is.
- Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm.
- **If you do not receive your poll card, you can contact Electoral Services on 0161 217 6026 to find out where your polling station is.**

By post:

- To apply to vote by post, fill in an application form and send it to Electoral Services, Room 132, Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3XE to arrive by **5pm** on Wednesday **1st September 2021**
- Ballot papers can be sent overseas, but you need to think about whether you will have time to receive and return your ballot papers by **10pm** on **16th September 2021**
- Postal votes will be sent out around 3rd September 2021. If you haven't received your postal vote by Friday 10th September, you can get a replacement up to **5pm** on **16th September 2021**

By proxy:

- If you can't go to the polling station and don't wish to vote by post, you may be able to vote by proxy. This means allowing somebody you trust to vote on your behalf at your polling station.
- Proxy vote application forms are available from Electoral Services on 0161 217 6026.
- Completed applications must be returned to Electoral Services, Room 132, Town Hall, Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3XE by **5pm** on **8th September 2021**

Referendum expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2586.97

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 3813.

The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Specified documents

The specified documents are:

- The High Lane Village Neighborhood Development Plan;
- Report of the independent examiner;
- Summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- Statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed above, may be inspected at: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/high-lane>

Paper copies will be available to view during staffed hours at:

- High Lane Library, Buxton Road, High Lane, Stockport, SK6 8DX (up to 5pm, 14th September)
- Hazel Grove Library, Beech Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4QP (up to 6pm, 16th September)
- Marple Library, Memorial Park, Marple, Stockport, SK6 6BA (up to 5pm, 16th September)

9th August 2021

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The Referendum Area: High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area

