

# Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan

# Referendum Information Statement (including Information for Voters)

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#### **Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**

A referendum will be held on Thursday, 13 December 2018 on the Neighbourhood Plan for Nuthall. The question to be asked in the referendum will be:

"Do you want Broxtowe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Nuthall to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

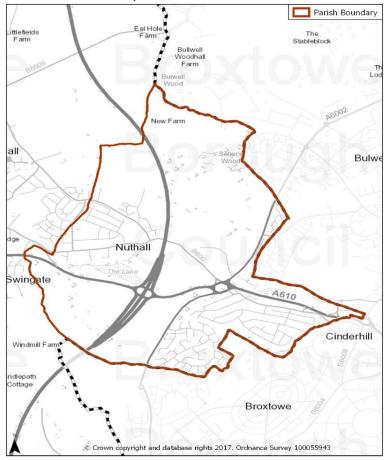
The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

If more people vote 'Yes' to the above question than 'No', then the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council. This will mean that the Borough Council will use the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan to assist in determining future Planning applications alongside the Local Plan.

If more people vote 'No' to the above question than 'Yes', then Planning applications will continue to be decided upon without consulting the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan.

## **The Referendum Area**

The referendum area is the same area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan (the whole of the Parish of Nuthall) as shown below. The neighbourhood area was designated by Broxtowe Borough Council on 17 September 2014.



#### Who Can Vote in the Referendum

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on 13 December 2018:

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is I the referendum area.

You have to be registered by **27 November 2018** to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered by calling Electoral Services on 0115 9173276.

### Ways of Voting

There are 3 ways a person can vote at the referendum:

- by person, at a polling station a poll card will be sent to all eligible electors which will confirm their polling station for this referendum. Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.
- by post anyone who has a postal already will be sent a poll card confirming this. Anyone who wishes to vote by post will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer at:

Broxtowe Borough Council Council Offices Foster Avenue Beeston Nottingham NG9 1AB

Applications must be received by **5pm on Wednesday**, **28 November 2018**.

Postal vote packs should be received about a week before polling day.

3) by proxy – anyone who already votes by proxy will receive a poll card confirming this. Anyone who is unable to get to their polling station and does not wish to vote by post may be able to vote by proxy. This means allowing someone they trust to vote on their behalf. Anyone who wishes to vote by proxy will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer at:

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Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 5 December 2018.

#### Referendum Expenses

The expenses limit for the referendum is £2,669.33. This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 5,209 (as at 3 September 2018).

#### **Specified Documents**

The Borough Council is required to make certain documents available throughout the referendum period. These documents may be inspected at:

Broxtowe Borough Council offices Foster Avenue Beeston Nottingham NG9 1AB

Nuthall Parish Council offices
The Temple Centre
Nottingham Road
Nuthall
Nottingham
NG16 1DP

The specified documents are:

- The draft Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan
- The report of the Independent Examiner
- A summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner
- A statement by Broxtowe Borough Council in its role as Local Planning Authority that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions (The Basic Conditions Statement)
- A statement which sets out general information as to Town and Country Planning and the referendum (Decision Statement)

All of the above documents can also be viewed on Broxtowe Borough Council's website at:

https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/nuthall-neighbourhood-plan/

For more information about voting and the arrangements for the referendum, please contact Electoral Services on 0115 9173276 or e-mail <u>elections@broxtowe.gov.uk.</u>