

# Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan

# Referendum Information Statement (including Information for Voters)

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#### Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

A referendum will be held on Thursday, 10 June 2021 on the Neighbourhood Plan for Awsworth. The question to be asked in the referendum will be:

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

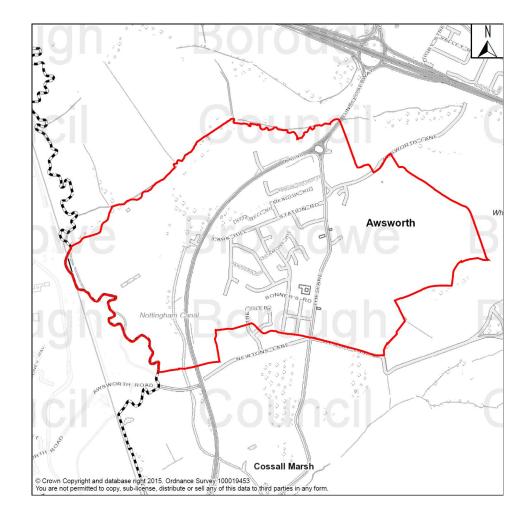
The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

If more people vote 'Yes' to the above question than 'No', then the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council. This will mean that the Borough Council will use the Awsworth 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 Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan.

### The Referendum Area

The referendum area is the same area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan (the whole of the Parish of Awsworth) as shown below. The neighbourhood area was designated by Broxtowe Borough Council on 1 December 2015.



# Who Can Vote in the Referendum

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on 10 June 2021:

- 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 **24 May 2021** 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.
- 2) 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 Tuesday, 25 May 2021.

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:

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

Applications must be received by 5pm on Wednesday, 2 June 2021.

#### Referendum Expenses

The expenses limit for the referendum is £2,461.12. This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 1,680.

#### **Specified Documents**

The Borough Council is required to make certain documents available throughout the referendum period.

These documents are available on Broxtowe Borough Council's website at the following link: https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/awsworthneighbourhoodplan.

As a result of COVID-19, Broxtowe Borough Council has reviewed its protocols regarding referendums and in order to progress safely, the Borough Council has made a decision that hard copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents may be viewed **by appointment only** at the Parish Council offices and at the Borough Council offices:

Awsworth Parish Council Council Office Awsworth Village Hall 61, The Lane Awsworth Nottinghamshire NG16 2QQ

Contact details to make an appointment:

Telephone: 0115 944 1839

Email: clerkawsworthpc@hotmail.co.uk

Broxtowe Borough Council Offices
Foster Avenue
Beeston
Nottingham
NG9 1AB

Contact details to make an appointment:

Telephone: 0115 917 7777 (Please ask for 'Planning Policy')

Email: policy@broxtowe.gov.uk

The specified documents are:

- The draft Awsworth 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/awsworthneighbourhoodplan

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