

Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan for Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell

Information Statement (including information for voters)

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A referendum will be held on Thursday, 2 May 2024 on the Neighbourhood Plan for Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell. The question to be asked in the referendum will be:

"Do you want Broxtowe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell 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.

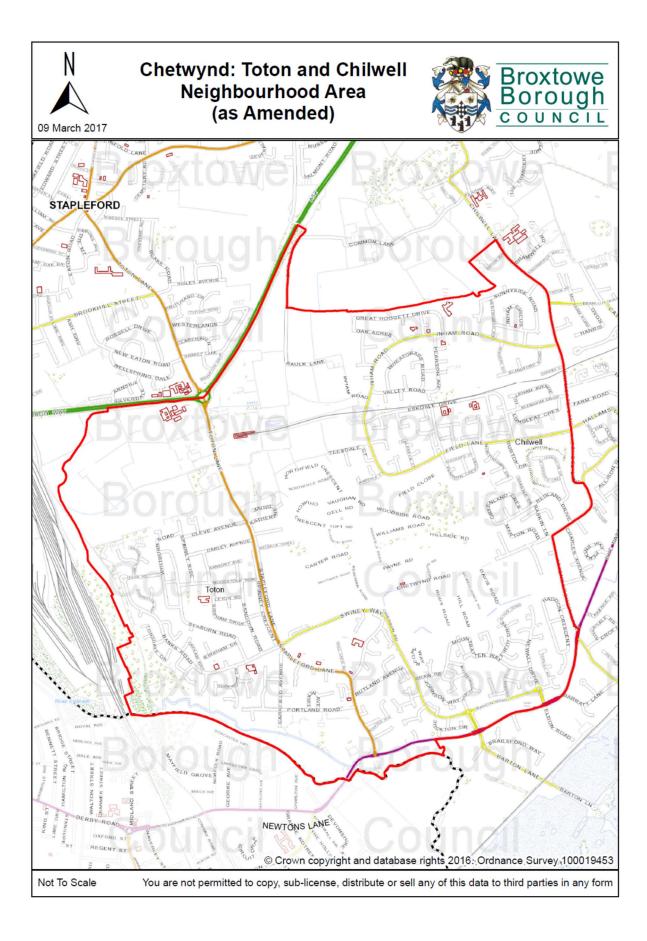
If more people vote 'Yes' to the above question than 'No', then the Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council. This will mean that the Borough Council will use the Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan to assist in determining future planning 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 Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan.

The Referendum Area

The referendum area is the same area covered by the Neighbourhood Plan as shown below. The neighbourhood area was designated by Broxtowe Borough Council on 9 March 2017.

Statement Published: Thursday, 21 March 2024 Referendum Date: Thursday, 2 May 2024



Who Can Vote in the Referendum

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on 2 May 2024:

- 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.

You have to be registered by **16 April 2024** to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered by calling Electoral Services on 0115 917 3294.

<u>Ways of Voti</u>ng

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

- in 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 vote already will be sent a poll card confirming this. Anyone who wishes to vote by post will need to complete an application form at <u>www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote</u> or complete a paper form, which can be obtained from Electoral Services, 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, 17 April 2024.

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

 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 at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote or complete a paper form, which can be obtained from Electoral Services, 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, 24 April 2024.

Referendum Expenses

The expenses limit for the referendum is £3,061.98. This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 11,864.

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:

www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhoodplanning/chetwynd-the-toton-and-chilwell-neighbourhood-plan/

A hard copy of the documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Broxtowe Borough Council Offices

Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1AB Telephone: 0115 917 7777 (Please ask for 'Planning Policy') Email: <u>policy@broxtowe.gov.uk</u> Opening hours: Mon –Thurs 9am – 5pm, Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Toton Library

Stapleford Lane, Toton, Nottinghamshire, NG9 6GATelephone: 01623 677 200Opening hours:Mon 1:30pm – 5pm, Wed 9:30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm,
Fri 9:30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm, Sat 9:30am – 1pm

The specified documents are:

- The Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell 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
- This information statement
- A statement which sets out general information as to Town and Country Planning and the referendum

For more information about voting and the arrangements for the referendum, please contact Electoral Services on 0115 917 3294 or e-mail <u>elections@broxtowe.gov.uk</u>.

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