



Cossall Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement (including Information for Voters)

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Cossall Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

A referendum will be held on Thursday, 15 February 2024 on the Neighbourhood Plan for Cossall. The question to be asked in the referendum will be:

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

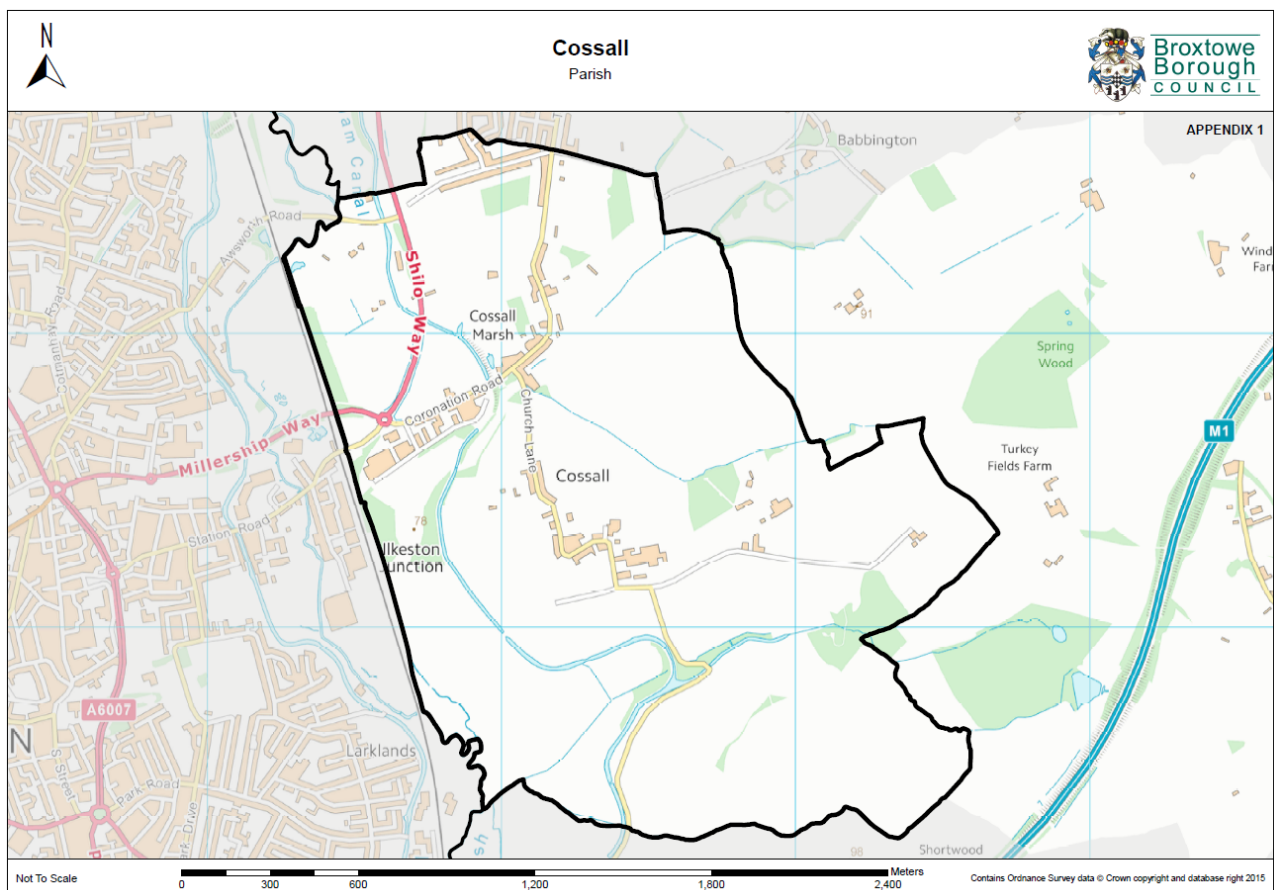
The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

If more people vote ‘Yes’ to the above question than ‘No’, then the Cossall Neighbourhood Plan will be adopted by Broxtowe Borough Council. This will mean that the Borough Council will use the Cossall 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 Cossall 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 4 December 2017.



Who Can Vote in the Referendum

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on 15 February 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 **30 January 2024** to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered by calling Electoral Services on 0115 917 3294.

Ways of Voting

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 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 Tuesday, 31 January 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:

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Applications must be received by **5pm on Wednesday, 7 February 2024**.

Referendum Expenses

The expenses limit for the referendum is £2,389.67. This limit has been calculated based on the number of people entitled to vote in the referendum being 469.

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/cossallneighbourhoodplan

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

Kimberley Library

Main Street, Kimberley, Nottingham NG16 2LY

Tel: 01623 677 200

Opening hours: Mon – 9am – 5pm, Tue Closed, Wed 9am – 1pm, Thu Closed,
Fri 9am – 5pm, Sat 9am – 1pm, Sun Closed

Broxtowe Borough Council Offices

Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1AB

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

Email: policy@broxtowe.gov.uk

Opening hours: Mon –Thurs 9am – 5pm, Fri 9am - 4.30pm

The specified documents are:

- The Cossall 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 elections@broxtowe.gov.uk.

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