



## REFERENDUM INFORMATION STATEMENT – Watton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

A Referendum relating to the making (agreeing) of the Watton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 18 January 2024.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

***"Do you want Breckland Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Watton 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. This area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Watton Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on Thursday 18 January 2024.

- 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 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 he or she is entitled to be registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,777.24 The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 7038.

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

Paper copies of this Referendum Information Statement, along with the specified documents, are available to view during normal opening hours at:

- Breckland Council's Offices, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE;
- Watton Town Council offices Middle St, Watton, Thetford IP25 6AG
- Watton Library George Trollope Road, Watton, IP25 6AS

The specified documents are:

- The Watton Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Report of the Independent Examiner
- A Summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner
- A 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 may also be inspected on the following website:  
<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/watton>

Dated: Wednesday 6 December 2023