

## Willand Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Information Statement

January 2025



## 1. Information Statement

1.1. A neighbourhood planning referendum will be held for the Willand Neighbourhood Plan on Thursday 27 February 2025. The question to be put to voters is as follows:

"Do you want Mid Devon District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Willand to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

- 1.2. The referendum area is the parish of Willand and is identified on the map which is included with this information statement (Appendix 1).
- 1.3. A person is entitled to vote in this referendum on 27 February 2025 if:
  - He/she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; and
  - His/her qualifying address 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.
- 1.4. The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,524.55. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 2,755. The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.
- 1.5. The specified documents are:
  - Referendum version of the Willand Neighbourhood Plan
  - Report of the independent examiner
  - Summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner
  - Statement by the local authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and other necessary provisions (Decision Statement)
  - Statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (information for voters)
- 1.6. The specified documents can be viewed at:

https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/planning-policy/neighbourhoodplanning/willand-neighbourhood-plan/



or at the following locations:

Mid Devon District Council Phoenix House Phoenix Lane Tiverton EX16 6PP

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1.7. For more information please contact the Forward Planning Team on 07815 803758 or email <u>planningconsultations@middevon.gov.uk</u>



## Appendix 1: Willand Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Area

