



HASLEMERE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**INFORMATION STATEMENT
REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON
Thursday 7th October 2021**

The Referendum

A Neighbourhood Planning Referendum relating to the adoption of the Haslemere Neighbourhood Development Plan 2013-2032 will be held on Thursday 7th October 2021.

The question that will be asked in the Referendum will be:

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

The Referendum area is identical to the Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan area – that is the Haslemere Town Council area. A map of the area is set out below

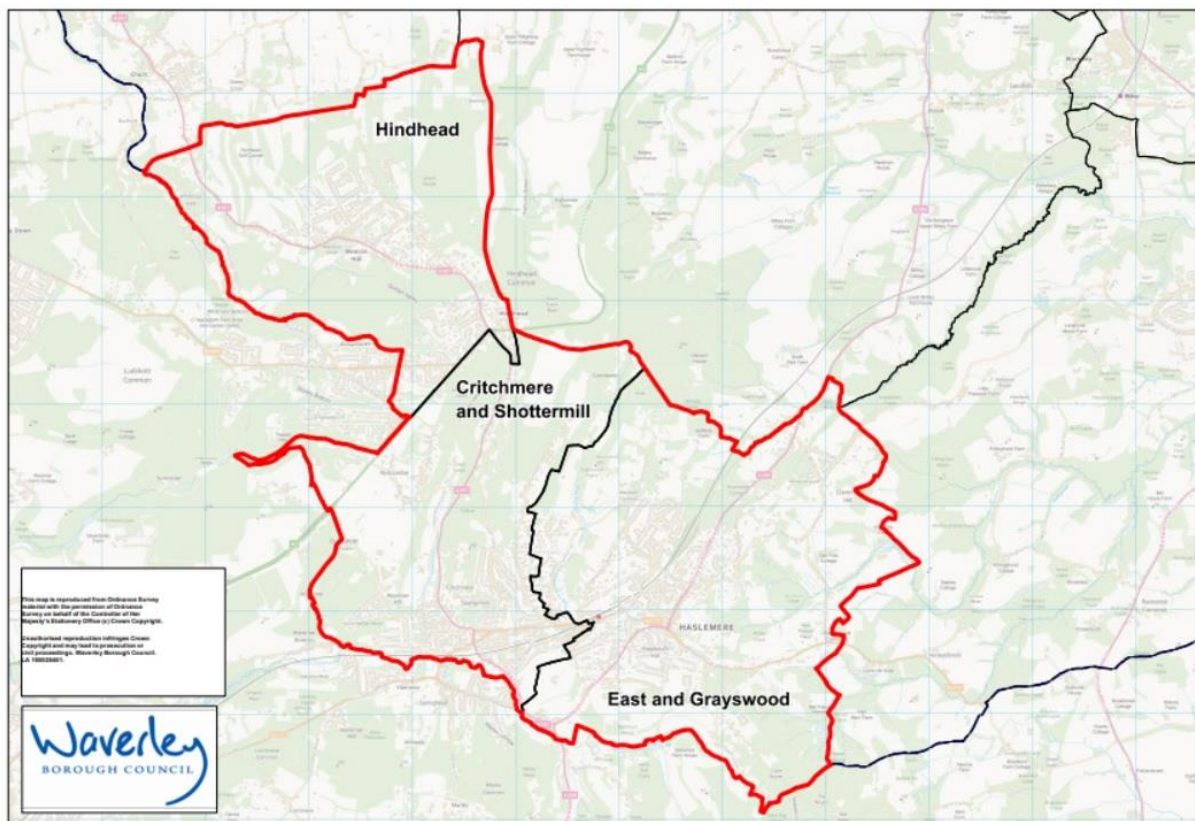


Figure 1: Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan area and Referendum area

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 7th October 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 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 £3,131.78. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 13,047.

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

Information for voters

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work. A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan. This plan can show how the community wants land to be used and developed in its area.

What is a neighbourhood area?

A neighbourhood area can cover single streets or large urban or rural areas. The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by:

- Town or parish councils
- A neighbourhood forum (a group of at least 21 people in areas without town or parish councils)

In Haslemere, the boundary of the neighbourhood area was determined by Waverley Borough Council and is coterminous with the parish area of Haslemere as shown on the map on page 2 of this Information Statement.

Who can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by town or parish councils, or neighbourhood forums. In this case, the Haslemere Neighbourhood Development Plan was prepared by Haslemere Town Council.

What is a Development Plan?

In England, planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the Development Plan. A Development Plan is a set of documents that include the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area.

In Waverley Borough Council's area, the development plan currently consists of the retained policies of the Waverley Borough Local Plan 2002, the policies in the Waverley Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies and Sites, those Neighbourhood Plans which have succeeded at referendum and Surrey County Council's Minerals

and Waste Local Plans. Within Waverley, the local planning authority is Waverley Borough Council.

Neighbourhood Planning in Haslemere

The Referendum area is identified on the map shown on page 2 of this Information Statement as the parish area of Haslemere Town Council and is coterminous to the area which has been designated as the Haslemere Neighbourhood Area.

How to find out more

Further general information on neighbourhood planning is available on the Waverley Borough Council website: <http://www.waverley.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning>.

Specified documents

A copy of the specified documents, which are listed below, may be viewed at:

- <http://www.waverley.gov.uk/HaslemereNP>
- The Council Offices, The Burys, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HR between the hours of 8.45am to 5.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.45pm on Fridays.

The specified documents are:

1. Haslemere Neighbourhood Plan;
2. Report made by the Independent Examiner;
3. Summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner;
4. Statement by the local planning authority that it is satisfied the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the provisions made by or under Sections 38A and 38B of the 2004 Act;
5. This Information Statement;
6. A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (contained within this Information Statement).

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