

Swanley Neighbourhood Development Plan

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Swanley Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on Thursday 4 July 2024.

This statement provides information on the Referendum that is taking place, and the neighbourhood plan it relates to.

Referendum on the Swanley Neighbourhood Development Plan

A Referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

Do you want Sevenoaks District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Swanley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The neighbourhood area for Swanley is identified on the map which is included with this information statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Swanley Neighbourhood Area.

Entitlement to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on Tuesday 18 June 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 will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

Referendum documents

There are a number of documents that are available to view as part of the referendum. These are listed below and available to view online at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069151/neighbourhood_planning/703/swanley_neighbourhood_plan

- The Swanley Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2040;
- The independent examiner's report on the Swanley Neighbourhood Plan 2020-2040;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner following the Regulation 16 consultation on the Plan;
- A Decision Statement from the Local Planning Authority which confirms the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- This information statement; and
- A statement that sets out general information in respect of town and country planning, which includes neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

A hard copy of all of the above documents and this Information Statement can be inspected, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm, at:

- Sevenoaks District Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1HG
- Swanley Town Council, The Civic Centre, St. Mary's Road, Swanley, BR8 7BU
- Swanley Link, London Road, Swanley, BR8 7AE

Information can also be viewed on the Swanley Town Council website at www.swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Referendum expenses

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to this referendum is £3,117.73

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum, by reference to which that limit has been calculated, is 12,809.

Dated: 24 May 2024

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