

# Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan

## Referendum Information Statement



**A referendum on the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037 will be held on Thursday 17 November 2022**

The 'Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037' has been prepared to update and replace the plan that was first adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council in March 2017. The original policies are retained, some are updated, and there is a new policy that relates specifically to residential development proposals.

There is a statutory process which must be followed before this updated Neighbourhood Plan can be 'made' (adopted). That involves holding a new referendum, which is conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections. Those entitled to vote will be asked to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the following question:

**'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Mendlesham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'**

If more than 50% vote 'yes', then Mid Suffolk District Council will be legally obliged to 'make' (adopt) this neighbourhood plan as part of its development plan framework.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if;

- He or She is entitled to vote in a local government election in the referendum area; *and*
- He or She has an address at which they are registered to vote within the referendum area and are over the age of 18 years on the date of poll.

The referendum area is identical to that which was originally designated as the Neighbourhood Plan Area, and follows the parish boundary. A map can be found within the referendum version of the Plan (see link further below).

Expenses can be incurred by an individual or body during the referendum period for referendum purposes but are subject to a limit calculated to be £2,431.21

The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,173

Copies of the specified documents (meaning those listed below) can be viewed by following the links or by going to [www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/MendleshamNP)

- The referendum version of the [Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan 2018 - 2037](#)
- The [Independent Examiner's Report](#) on the submission draft version of this Plan
- The [Written Representations](#) on the submission draft Plan and the [Parish Council Response](#) to these, both of which were submitted to the Independent Examiner.
- The [Written Representations](#) made at the examination consultation stage, and the [Parish Councils Response](#) to these
- A [Decision Statement](#) (published on 1 August 2022) which confirms that, subject to modification, the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements, and that it can proceed to referendum, *and*
- A Statement (this document), setting out general information relating to the referendum.

Printed copies of the Plan and the other documents have also been deposited at the Kings Head Public House, 6 Old Market Street, Mendlesham, IP14 5SA, where they can be viewed on request during normal opening hours.

**The Counting Officer, Mid Suffolk District Council**

**Friday 7 October 2022**