

Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 12 December 2019.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore 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.

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 26 November 2019:

- 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 persons 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 £2,362 + (£0.059 per elector) as at the publication of the revised register for the area. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 2051.

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

A copy of the specified documents, that is those documents listed below, may be inspected on line:

<https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/chapel-and-hill-chorlton-maer-and-aston>

The specified documents are also available to view at:

- Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 1BL Monday – Friday during office hours
- Whitmore Village Hall, Coneygreave Lane, Whitmore, ST5 5HX

- Maer Village Hall, Maer Lane, Maer, ST5 5EF
- Aston Village Hall, School Lane, Aston, TF9 4JD
- Parish Church of St Peter, Maer, ST5 5EE
- St Laurence Anglican Church, Chapel Chorlton, ST5 5JN

The specified documents are:

- Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Plan Volume I: Strategic context, policies and plan (October 2019) and Volume II: Maps and supporting evidence (October 2019);
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- Copies of the written representations received at Regulations 16 stage and submitted to the independent examiner
- A Decision Statement by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council that the Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation
- Statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum
- Map of the Chapel and Hill Chorlton, Maer and Aston, and Whitmore Neighbourhood Area; and
- This information statement.

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Martin Hamilton
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