



Winkleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan

Referendum Information Statement

About this statement

A referendum on the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on Thursday 17th June 2021. This statement provides information on the referendum that is taking place, and the neighbourhood plan to which it relates.

Referendum on the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan

A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper which asks the following question:

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

What is the neighbourhood area?

The neighbourhood area for Winkleigh is identified on the map which is included at the end of this information statement. The boundary of the neighbourhood area was approved by Torrige District Council in March 2017 and covers the parish of Winkleigh.

The referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Area. The independent examiner also recommended that the Neighbourhood Plan proceed to a referendum based on the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Area, as approved by the District Council.

Am I entitled to vote in the Referendum?

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on the 17th June 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 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 will be conducted based in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government elections.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2442.18. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1359.

Determination of the Referendum?

If more than 50% of individuals vote 'yes' in the referendum, then Torridge District Council will 'make' the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' it will help determine planning applications in the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Area. It will also form part of the statutory development plan for Torridge.

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' then the Neighbourhood Plan will not be made part of the statutory development plan for the local area.

What are the referendum documents and where can you view them?

There are a number of specified documents, as listed below, that are available to view on the Torridge District Council website:

- the referendum version of the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan;
- the independent examiner's final report on the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Plan;
- a summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner following consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan;
- a Decision Statement from the Torridge District Council which confirms the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements. It also confirms that the neighbourhood plan can proceed to referendum;
- a statement that sets out general information on Town and Country planning, including neighbourhood plans and the referendum (information statement).

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view, by prior appointment, and in accordance with the social distancing restrictions in force at the time. To arrange an appointment, please contact the Local Plans Team by email: localplan@torridge.gov.uk

How to Vote

In person

- On Thursday, 17th June 2021 at your local polling station.
- You will receive a poll card confirming the polling stations for this referendum. The polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

By post

- If you have a postal vote already you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you want to vote by post you will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer at Torridge District Council (at the address below) to arrive by 5pm on Wednesday, 2nd June 2021. Application forms can be requested from <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/18662/Request-an-Application> or you can call the elections team on 01237 428739 or email: elections@torridge.gov.uk to request an application form.
- Your postal vote will be sent out approximately 10 days before polling day.

By proxy

- If you have a proxy vote already you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you can't get to the polling station and don't wish to vote by post, you may be able to vote by proxy. This means allowing somebody that you trust to vote on your behalf.
- If you want to vote by proxy you will need to complete an application form and send it to the Electoral Registration Officer at Torridge District Council (at the address below) to arrive by 5.00pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021. Application forms can be requested from <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/18663/Request-an-Application> or you can call the elections team on 01237 428739 or email elections@torridge.gov.uk to request an application form.

How to find out more

Further general information on neighbourhood planning is available at:

<https://www.torridge.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning>

For queries about planning issues and neighbourhood planning in general, please contact the planning policy team via localplan@torridge.gov.uk or 01237 428748.

You can find specific documents on the Winkleigh Neighbourhood Development Plan at:

<https://www.torridge.gov.uk/winkleighnp>

For more information about voting and the arrangements for this referendum, please contact Torridge District Council on 01237 428739 or email: elections@torridge.gov.uk

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Neighbourhood Area Designation - Winkleigh Civil Parish

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