

# North Norfolk District Council

## **Corpusty and Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**

## **Information Statement**

A Public Referendum on the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan will be held on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2019.** This statement provides information on the Referendum that is taking place, and the Neighbourhood Plan it relates to.

This statement provides information about:

- The Referendum Question and date;
- Who Can Vote;
- The Specified Documents;
- The Neighbourhood Area and Referendum Area;
- Referendum Expenses;
- Further Information.

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

#### The Referendum Question

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 North Norfolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Corpusty & Saxthorpe to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?'

#### The Neighbourhood Area

The Neighbourhood Area for Corpusty & Saxthorpe is as shown at the end of this information sheet. The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area was approved by North Norfolk District Council in December 2013 and covers the parish of Corpusty and Saxthorpe.

**The Referendum Area** is identical to the area which has been designated as the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Area. The independent examiner concluded that the area was entirely appropriate for the purpose of this Neighbourhood Plan.

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# Who Can Vote

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.

If more than 50% of individuals vote 'yes' in the Referendum, then North Norfolk District Council will formally 'make' the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan. If the Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' it will help determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. It will also form part of the statutory Development Plan for North Norfolk.

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.

# The Specified Documents

A number of documents that are available to view as part of the referendum:

- The Referendum Version of the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan (Draft Plan);
- The independent examiner's report on the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- The representations submitted to the independent examiner following consultation on the Submitted Plan;
- A Decision Statement from the Local Planning Authority which confirms the Draft Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version) 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 in respect of town and country planning, which includes neighbourhood planning and the Referendum;
- Map of the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Area.

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

A copy of the specified documents may be inspected during normal opening hours at North Norfolk District Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN, and are available for public viewing on the District Council's website at https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/corpustynp

Reference copies are also available from the Parish Council.

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# **Referendum Expenses**

The Referendum expenses limit in relation to the Referendum is  $\pm 2,395.87$  which has been calculated on the basis of 574 electors as of 04/12/2018.

## **Further Information**

- Further general information on neighbourhood planning, documents relating to the Corpusty & Saxthorpe Neighbourhood Plan and other emerging Neighbourhood Plans can be found at <u>https://www.north-</u> <u>norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning</u>
- For queries about planning policy and neighbourhood planning in general, please contact North Norfolk Planning Policy Team Leader at <u>planningpolicy@north-norfolk.gov.uk</u>
- For more information about voting and the Referendum arrangements please contact the electoral services team: <u>elections@north-norfolk.gov.uk</u> Tel: 01263 516046

Referendum Area - see map below.

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