

Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

INFORMATION STATEMENT

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Stone Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 26 May 2022. Notice of Referendum attached.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Dartford Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Stone 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 Stone Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 26 May 2022

- 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 £ 2,910.17. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 9,291

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 online www.dartford.gov.uk/stone-neighbourhood-plan

Paper copies of the specified documents are also available to view at during normal office hours at:

- Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR
- Stone Parish Council, Stone Pavilion, Hayes Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9DS

The specified documents are:

- Stone Neighbourhood Development Plan;
- report of the independent examiner;
- summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions and complies with the relevant legislation;
- this information statement; and
- a statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum.

Dated: 13 April 2022