

Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 10th October 2024.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is '**Do you want East Cambridgeshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Soham and Barway 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 designated Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Area and covers the Soham Parish that falls within the District of East Cambridgeshire.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if:-

- He or she is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of East Cambridgeshire District Council whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- His or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person's qualifying address is, in relation to a person registered in the register of electors, the address aspect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is **£2897.19**.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is **9071**.

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 during normal office hours at:

- East Cambridgeshire District Council Electoral Services, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambs CB7 4EE

The documents are also available for public viewing on the Council's website at www.eastcambs.gov.uk

The specified documents are:

- The draft Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Plan
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Plan;
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- A Decision Statement of the Local Planning Authority's satisfaction that the draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions specified by statute and complies with the provision made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum;
- Map of the Soham and Barway Neighbourhood Plan area.

The Specified documents are available from the Soham and Barway neighbourhood-plan page here: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/soham-and-barway-neighbourhood-plan>

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