Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Plan Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 25 January 2024.**

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

"Do you want North West Leicestershire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Area 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 Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 25 January 2024;

- He or she is entitled to vote in a local government election of any Councillor 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 in respect of which he or she is entitled to be so registered.

The deadline to register to vote is 11.59pm on **Tuesday 9 January 2024**. The last day to apply for a postal vote is 5pm on **Wednesday 10 January 2024**. For more information, please contact North West Leicestershire District Council Elections Team by telephone on 01530 454512 or by email to electreq@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 specifies a limit on the amount that can be spent during the referendum for referendum purposes. The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,399.70. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 639.

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

This information statement and a number of 'specified documents' will provide you with information which will help you make a decision on the referendum. The specified documents are:

- The Draft Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum Version)
- The report of the independent examiner into the Neighbourhood Plan
- A summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A 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.

A copy of the specified documents may be inspected at the District Council's new **Customer Service Centre**, **Belvoir Road**, **Coalville (opposite Insomnia Coffee)**.

They can also be viewed at Castle Donington Library, The Community Hub, 101 Bondgate, Castle Donington, Derby, DE74 2NR during its normal opening hours:

Monday	10:00-16:00
Tuesday	10:00-14:00
Wednesday	10:00-14:00
Thursday	10:00-14:00
Friday	10:00-16:00
Saturday	10:00-13:00
Sunday	Closed

They can also be viewed online at:

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/locking_cum_hemington_neighbourhood_plan

A map of the Lockington-Hemington referendum area is detailed over the page.

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