

Wray-with-Botton Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Wray-with-Botton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 30 May 2019.

The question that will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Lancaster City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Wray-with-Botton to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Plan Area?”

The Referendum area is identified on the map which is included at the end of this Information Statement. The Referendum area is the same as the area which has been designated as the Wray-with-Botton Neighbourhood Plan area which covers the entire parish of Wray-with-Botton.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on Monday 13 May 2019:

- They are entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum Area
- Their qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum Area. A person’s qualifying address is the one they are registered at, and are entitled to be registered at, on the register of electors.

The last date to apply for a postal vote is 5.00pm on Tuesday 14 May 2019. For more information please contact Lancaster City Council Electoral Services by telephone on 01524 582 905 or by email to elections@lancaster.gov.uk.

Section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012 specifies a limit on the amount that can be spent on campaigning for the Referendum. This is calculated via the formula $£2362 + (0.059 * N)$, where N is a number of electors in the relevant register. By reference to this, the limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2,385.72. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to the limit has been calculated to be 402.

The Referendum will be conducted based on procedures similar to those used in local government elections.

You are reading one of a number of different documents (referred to in the Regulations as ‘specified documents’) that will provide you with information which help you make a decision on the Referendum. The specified documents are as follows:

- This ‘Information Statement’
- The Draft Wray-with-Botton Neighbourhood Plan
- The Report of the Independent Examiner
- Copies of the written representations submitted to the Independent Examiner
- The Basic Conditions Statement stating that the Draft Plan meets the ‘Basic Conditions’ specified in the National Planning Practice Guidance.
- General information on Town and Country Planning and Neighbourhood Planning.

A copy of these ‘specified documents’ can be viewed at the following locations:

- Lancaster City Council Offices at Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road East, Morecambe, Lancashire, LA4 5AF.
- Lancaster City Council Offices at Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ.

Office opening hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)

Documents can also be viewed online at:

<https://lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/community-rights/neighbourhood-planning>

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Wray-with-Botton Neighbourhood Plan – Designated Area

