



Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum Information Statement

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 26 January 2023.

The question that will be asked in the Referendum is:

“Do you want Lancaster City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Carnforth to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood 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 Carnforth Neighbourhood Area which covers the entire parish of Carnforth.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on Tuesday 10 January 2023

- 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 Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 5.00pm 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 $£2362 + (0.059 \times N)$, 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 £2,609.92. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 4202.

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 will help you make a decision on the referendum. The specified documents are as follows:

- This 'Information Statement'
- The Draft Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan
- The Report of the Independent Examiner
- Copies of the written representations submitted to the independent examiner;
- Basic Conditions Statement produced by Lancaster City Council 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
- Lancaster City Council Offices at Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PJ

Office opening hours are 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)

Documents can also be viewed online at:

[Lancaster.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning](https://lancaster.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning)

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