

# **Woodplumpton**

## **Neighbourhood Planning Referendum**

### **Information Statement**

A referendum on the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 11 January 2024**.

The question that will be asked in the Referendum is:

**“Do you want Preston City Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Woodplumpton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

You are asked to vote either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to this question.

The Referendum area for Woodplumpton is identified on the map which is provided at the end of this Information Statement.

The Referendum area is identical to the area that has been designated as the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan area. It covers all the Woodplumpton Parish area.

#### **Who is entitled to vote?**

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 21 December 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.

#### **Where do I go to vote?**

The polling stations for this Referendum are:

- Catforth Village Hall, Catforth, Preston PR4 0HH
- St Annes Church Parish Room, Woodplumpton Road, Woodplumpton Preston, PR4 0NE

The Polling Stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

Only residents of Woodplumpton Parish are eligible to vote, anyone not registered to vote can do so by 21 December 2023.

Those eligible to vote will receive a poll card advising them of their polling station together with information on absent voting.

## More Information / Specified Documents

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:

- Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan (Referendum Version)
- Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan (Examiners Report)
- Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 – List of Representations Received
- Decision Statement from Preston City Council Local Planning Authority that the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions and other legislative requirements
- General Information Statement on Town and Country Planning and Neighbourhood Planning
- This document – the Information Statement

You can download and view these documents online by visiting the planning page of the Preston City Council website.

Paper copies are available to view in the Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston PR1 2RL. The Town Hall is open 9am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 10am to 5pm on Thursdays.

## Outcome of the Referendum

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

If there is a majority, more than half of those voting in the referendum vote 'Yes' in response to the question above, then the Neighbourhood Plan must be adopted by Preston City Council.

This means that the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the planning authorities Development Plan and will be used in the determination of planning applications for the designated area of the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan.

If there is no majority, less than half vote 'No' or if the result is tied, then the Neighbourhood Plan will not be made part of the statutory development plan for Woodplumpton.

## Important Dates

These are the important dates for the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

- The last date to register to vote is **Thursday 21 December 2023**
- The last date to apply for a postal vote is **5pm on Friday 22 December 2023**
- The last date to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document is **5pm on Wednesday 3 January 2024**
- The last date to apply for a proxy vote is **5pm on Wednesday 3 January 2024**

## **Referendum Expenses:**

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.

The limit that will apply to this Referendum is £2687.32. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 4141. This figure is correct at the time of publication of this Notice but will be subject to change.

Dated: 29 November 2023

Adrian Phillips, Chief Executive

Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2RL

# A map of the Woodplumpton Neighbourhood Plan Area

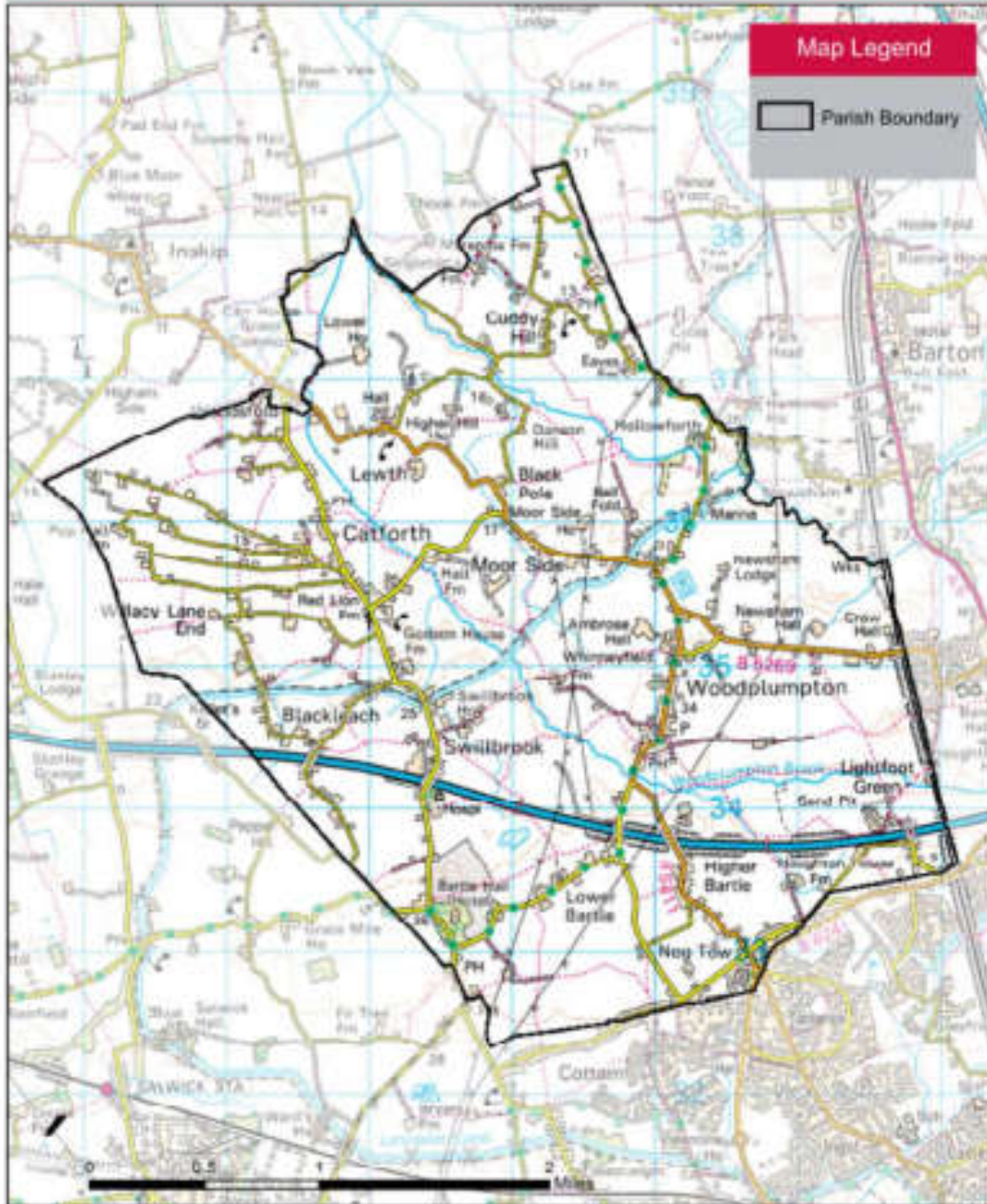
## Plan of Designated Area

# Woodplumpton



Map created : 21/05/2016

Map scale : 1:35,000



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