

Referendum Information Statement - Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum relating to the Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 31 August 2023

The question which will be asked in the referendum is *'Do you want Thanet District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Westgate-on-Sea 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 reflects the area that has been designated as the Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Area.



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

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

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2683.84. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 5455.

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, are available for inspection at:

- Thanet Gateway Plus, Cecil St, Margate CT9 1RE 10am - 2pm, or from the library until 5.30 Mondays, Thursday and Fridays, 5pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 3.30pm Saturdays
- Westgate Town Council, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8RF - 10am - 12.30pm Mondays - Thursdays
- Westgate Library, Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8BP - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 10am - 5pm (closed 1pm - 2pm), Saturday 9.30am - 1.30pm

The documents are also available for public viewing on Thanet District Council's website at: <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/westgate-neighbourhood-plan-examination>

The specified documents are:-

- The referendum version of the Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Plan;
- Referendum Information Statement - Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Plan;
- The report of the independent examiner into the draft Neighbourhood Plan;
- Summaries of the written representations submitted to the independent examiners;
- 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 Sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- General Information Document on Town and Country Planning, including Neighbourhood Planning;
- Map of the Westgate-on-Sea Neighbourhood Plan area and Referendum area.

20 July 2023