## **Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan**



## Information Statement

A referendum relating to the Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 28 November 2019** 

The question which will be asked at the Referendum is: 'Do you want Mid Suffolk District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Botesdale & Rickinghall to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The Referendum area is identical to the area which has been designated as the Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Area. A link to the map can be found at the bottom of this page.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if:

- He or She is entitled to vote in an election of any Councillor of Mid Suffolk District Council
  whose area is in the Referendum area; and
- His or Her 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 £2,459.76

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 1,657

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

Copies of the specified documents (that is those documents listed below) may be inspected during normal opening hours at the 'The Bell Inn', The Street, Rickinghall, IP22 1BN. A set of documents has also been deposited with the Parish Clerk.

The documents are also available to view at: <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BotesdaleRickinghallNP">www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/BotesdaleRickinghallNP</a>

The specified documents are:

- The <u>Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan</u> incorporating the Examiner's Modifications;
- The Report of the Independent Examiner into the draft Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan:
- Copies of the <u>Written Representations</u> received and the <u>Parish Council's Response</u> submitted to the Independent Examiner;
- A <u>Decision Statement</u> setting out the District Council's satisfaction that the draft Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions specified by statute and complies with the provisions made by or under Section 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- A **statement** setting out general information relating to neighbourhood planning and the referendum (*this document*); and
- A Map of the Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Area.

The Counting Officer - Mid Suffolk District Council

Dated: Monday 21 October 2019