Hamsey Neighbourhood Development Plan

Information Statement for Referendum on 2 June 2016



Lewes District Council

Introduction

A referendum on the Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday, 2 June 2016. The referendum will be conducted based on procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.

The question to be asked in the referendum is:

'Do you want Lewes District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority to use the neighbourhood plan for Hamsey Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The neighbourhood area is the entire parish of Hamsey and is marked in the map below:



Can I vote?

You can vote in the referendum if you live in Hamsey Parish and:

- you are registered to vote in local council elections; and
- you are 18 years of age or over on Thursday, 2 June 2016.

You have to be registered to vote by Monday, 16 May 2016 to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered to vote by calling our Helpline on 01273 484117.

Referendum Expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is $\pounds 2389.26$. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is 462.

Specified Documents

The relevant regulations state that we must make available the following documents:

- The referendum version of the Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan
- The independent examiner's report on the draft Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan
- A summary of the representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A statement setting out that the District Council believes that the Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and relevant Regulations (included within the document known as the Decision Statement)
- A statement setting out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum (included within the 'Hamsey Neighbourhood Development Plan: Voting Information for Referendum on 2 June 2016' Document)

These documents have been made available online at <u>http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/23785.asp</u> a webpage that contains additional information about the Hamsey Neighbourhood Plan.

Copies of the documents can also be viewed at the District Council's offices at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB. The offices are open between 9am and 5pm during weekdays. They can also be viewed at the South Downs National Park Authority's offices at the South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH. The offices are open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am and 4.30pm Friday.