

Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan



Referendum Information Statement

(including information
for voters)

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1. The Referendum

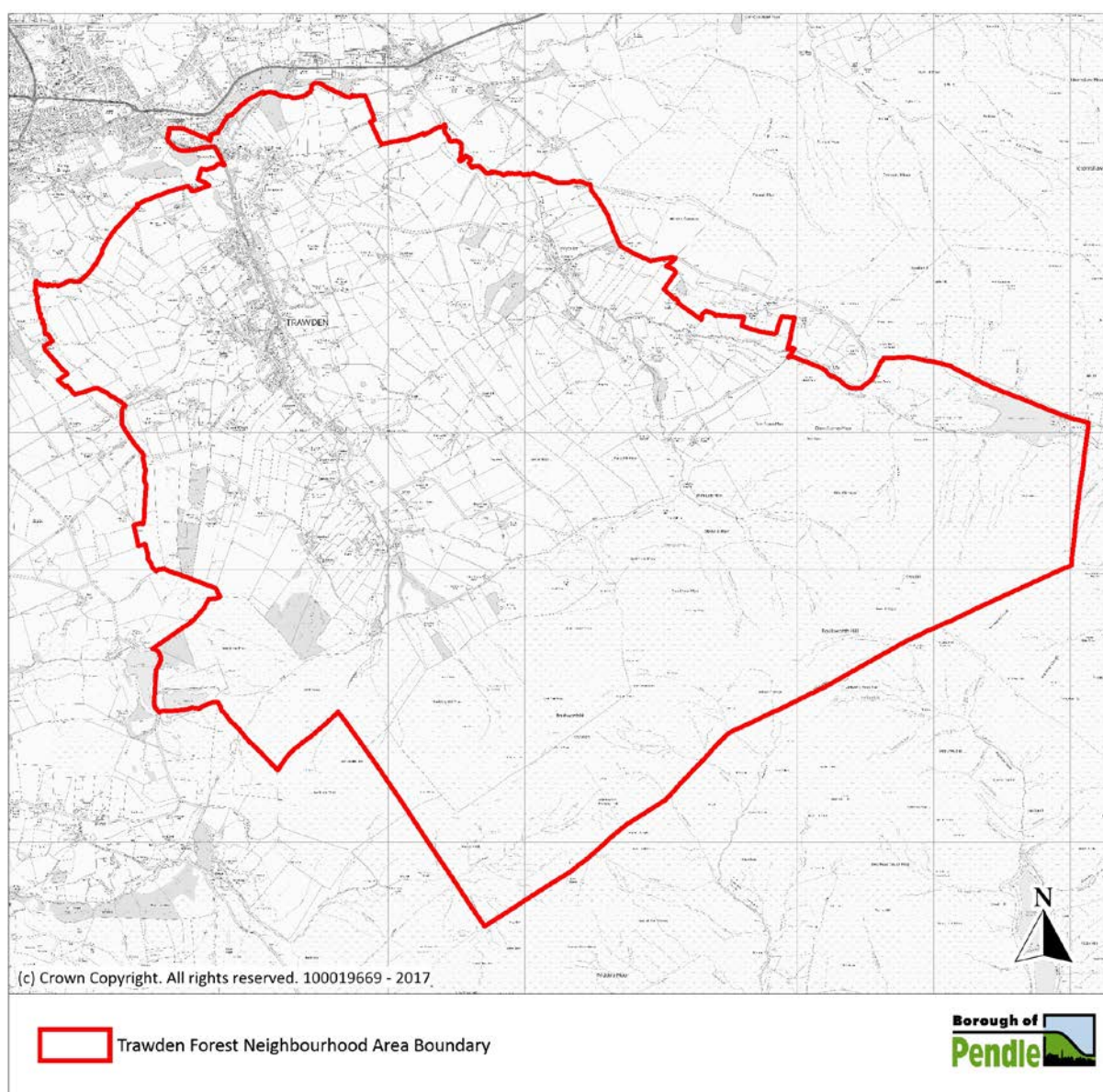
1.1 A referendum on the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday, 8 November 2018**.

1.2 The question to be asked in the referendum is:

Do you want Pendle Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Trawden Forest to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

1.3 The referendum area (see below) is the same as:

- the neighbourhood area, which was designated by Pendle Council on 25 August 2016; and
- the parish of Trawden Forest.



- 1.4 The ballot paper for the referendum will ask you to vote “Yes” or No”.
- 1.5 You should vote by putting a cross (X) in either the “Yes” box, or the “No” box on your ballot paper. Your vote will not be counted if you put a cross in more than one box.
- 1.6 If more people vote **“YES”** in the referendum:
- The Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan **will** become part of the Development Plan for the borough.
 - Pendle Council **will** use the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan to help determine applications for planning permission within the neighbourhood area.
- 1.7 If more people vote **“NO”** in the referendum:
- The Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan **will not** become part of the Development Plan for the borough..
 - Pendle Council **will not** use the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan to help determine applications for planning permission within the neighbourhood area.

2. Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan?

- 2.1 Neighbourhood planning provides local communities with the opportunity to influence development in their area through the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. This document sets out where new development should go and how it might look.
- 2.2 Trawden Forest Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Trawden Forest.
- 2.3 The Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan will become part of the Development Plan for Pendle if a positive referendum result is returned.

What is the Development Plan?

- 2.4 The Development Plan is a set of documents that set out the policies and proposals for the development and use of land within a particular area. In England the Development Plan is used by the local planning authority to help determine applications for planning permission.

Who can vote?

- 2.5 You can vote in the referendum if:
- you are 18 years of age or over on 8 November 2018;
 - you live in the parish of Trawden Forest; and
 - you are registered to vote in local government elections.
- 2.6 If you are not registered to vote, you won’t be able to vote in the referendum. You can register to vote online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>
- 2.7 If you don’t have access to the internet please contact Electoral Services on 01282 661919 or 01282 661662 to request an application form.
- 2.8 You must register by Tuesday 23 October 2018 to be eligible to vote in the referendum on the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan.

How can I vote?

2.9 There are three ways of voting:

1. In Person

- On 8 November 2018 at your local polling station(s):
 - Trawden Forest Community Centre, Church Street, Trawden BB8 8RZ
- You will receive a poll card confirming your polling station for this referendum
- Polling stations are open from 7:00am to 10:00pm
- If you do not receive your ballot paper by 10:00pm you won't be able to vote.

2. By Post

- If you are already registered to vote by post, you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you are not registered to vote by post, you will need to complete an application form.
- Application forms are available on the Council's website, or by contacting Electoral Services, using the details below:

Website: www.pendle.gov.uk/postalvote

Post: Electoral Services, Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, Lancashire, BB9 7LG

Telephone: 01282 661919 / 01282 661662

Email elections@pendle.gov.uk

- Your completed application form must be received by Electoral Services no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday 24 October 2018**.
- You should receive your postal vote approximately 10 days before polling day. If it doesn't arrive in time you can request a replacement up to 5:00pm on Thursday 8 November 2018 by phoning Electoral Services using the telephone number above.

3. By Proxy

- If you already have a proxy vote, you will receive a poll card confirming this.
- If you are unable to attend the polling station on polling day, it may be possible to allow somebody that you trust to vote on your behalf. This person is called a "proxy" and you must tell them how you intend to vote.
- You can only apply for a proxy vote under specific circumstances, including:
 - being away on polling day (e.g. holiday or educational course);
 - having a medical issue or disability; or
 - not being able to vote in person because of work or military service
- When you apply to vote by proxy you must say why you are unable to vote in person.
- Application forms are available on the Council's website, or by contacting Electoral Services, using the details below:

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- Your completed application form must be received by Electoral Services no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday 31 October 2018**.

3. Referendum expenses

- 3.1 As part of the referendum process individuals or bodies may choose to campaign for either a 'Yes' or a 'No' vote.
- 3.2 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 limit is set out below:
- The referendum expenses limit that will apply to this referendum is **£2,488.85** – based on the calculation £2,362 plus 5.9p for each entry in the relevant register of electors.
 - The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum, by reference to which this limit has been calculated, is **2,150**.
- 3.3 The Referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures which are similar to those used at local government elections.
- 3.4 For further information about the referendum and how to vote, please contact Electoral Services at Pendle Council:
- Email: elections@pendle.gov.uk
 - Telephone: 01282 661919 or 01282 661662

4. Specified documents

- 4.1 The documents listed below are available to view ahead of the referendum:
- The Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan.
 - The report of the Independent Examiner.
 - A summary of the representations submitted to the Independent Examiner.
 - A statement by the local planning authority (Pendle Council) stating that the draft plan is considered to meet the basic conditions and relevant legislation (the "Decision Statement").
 - This statement, providing general information about neighbourhood planning and the public referendum (the "Information Statement").
- 4.2 These documents can be inspected at the following venues during their normal opening hours:
- Trawden Forest Parish Council, Unit 4B, Black Carr Mill, Skipton Road, Trawden, BB8 8QU
 - Trawden Forest Community Centre, Church Street, Trawden, BB8 8RU
 - Colne Library, Market Street, Colne, BB8 0AP
 - Number One Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LJ
- 4.3 You can also view or download copies of these documents on the Pendle Council website at www.pendle.gov.uk/trawdenforestnp

5. Further Information

- 5.1 Further information on neighbourhood planning in Pendle can be found on the Pendle Council website at www.pendle.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning or by contacting the Planning Policy team:
- Email: ldf@pendle.gov.uk
 - Telephone: 01282 661330

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