

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

INFORMATION STATEMENT

Referendum: Thursday 6 May 2021

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A neighbourhood plan referendum will be held for the Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan 2017 – 2031 on 6 May 2021. The question in the referendum will be:

Do you want Maidstone Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Lenham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The referendum area and the area covered by the neighbourhood plan is in the area of Boughton Monchelsea (see map below)

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if on 6 May 2021

- he or she is entitled to vote in a local government election in the Referendum area; and
- his or her qualifying address for the election is in the Referendum area. A person 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 registered.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is **£2568.15**.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which the limit has been calculated is **3494**.

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

The specified documents are the:

- Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Report of the Independent examiner
- [Summary of the representations submitted to the Independent examiner](https://maidstone-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/LENHAM_regulation_16?tab=info)
- Statement by the local planning authority that the draft plan meets the basic conditions (Decision statement)
- Statement that sets out general information as to town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum (Information for voters)

These documents can be viewed at:

- <https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/planning-and-building/primary-areas/local-plan-information/tier-3-additional-areas/neighbourhood-plans>
- LENHAM Parish Office, Goudhurst Road, LENHAM, Kent TN12 9JX
Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

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