

# Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

## Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 7 December 2023.

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

**Do you want High Peak Borough Council and the Peak District National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Whaley Bridge to help them 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 is identical to the area which has been designated as the Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood area.

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum on 7 December 2023 if:

- 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'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 registered.
- Voting at the referendum note: New legislation requires electors to show one of the acceptable forms of photographic identification, stipulated under the legislation, at the polling station when voting in person. If you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photographic identification already you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate) or contact our helpline on 0345 129 4851 for assistance. The Certificate application deadline is 5pm, 6 working days before the date of the referendum.

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the Referendum is £2673.17. The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 5274

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, may be accessed on the Councils website using the following link:

<https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/660/Whaley-Bridge-and-Furness-Vale-Neighbourhood-area>

The documents are:

- Whaley Bridge Neighbourhood Development Decision
- Examiner's documents
- Examiner's report
- This information statement.

The documents can be viewed online at High Peak Borough Council Offices Monday – Friday 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Inspection of a hard copy of the documents can be arranged by contacting the Planning Department High Peak Borough Council

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