



Referendum Information Statement

A Referendum relating to the adoption of the Rode Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **18 July 2017**.

The Referendum area covers the whole of the Parish of Rode. A map of the Referendum area is included in the Neighbourhood Plan and is available at www.mendip.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning or in person, along with other relevant documents (details below).

The question which will be asked in the Referendum is:

'Do you want Mendip District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Rode to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

Entitlement to vote

A person is entitled to vote in the Referendum if, on 18th July 2017,

- 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 so registered.

Referendum expenses

The Referendum expenses limit that will apply to the Referendum is £2413.56. This is based on a sum of £2362 plus 5.9p per registered elector.

The number of persons entitled to vote in the Referendum by reference to which that limit has been set is 874.

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

Specified documents

A number of "specified documents" have to be published; these provide information about the Rode Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning system in general. The specified documents can be viewed here

www.mendip.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

A copy of the specified documents may also be viewed in person at the following deposit points:

- Mendip District Council Offices, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BT (Opening hours: 8.30 am - 5.00 pm (Mon - Fri))
- Rode Post Office, High Street, Rode BA11 6PA (opening house 9.00am – 5.30pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9.00am-1.00pm Weds, 9.00am – 12.30pm Sat)

Questions

If you have any queries regarding the Referendum, please contact a member of the Elections Team at elections@mendip.gov.uk or 01749 341236.

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