

Rode Neighbourhood Plan, Statement of General Information

Referendum to be held on Tuesday 18th July

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

The Referendum area covers the whole of the Parish of Rode. A map of the Referendum area is included in the Rode Neighbourhood Plan and is available [here](#).

For more information on the Referendum, including who is entitled to vote, please see the Referendum Information Statement [here](#).

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?’

Specified Documents

The **Plan** (incorporating the examiner's recommendations) is available [here](#) or can be viewed at the following locations:

- 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)

Additional documents, including the Examiner's Report and evidence base documents can be found in the relevant sections below.

General information on Neighbourhood Planning can be found [here](#).

Decision Statement

On Monday 10th April 2017 Mendip District Council's Cabinet resolved to send the Rode Neighbourhood Plan (as proposed to be modified) to public referendum. The Decision Statement outlining the reasons, extent of the referendum area and the modifications can be found [here](#) or can be viewed at the locations above.

Examination

The Council appointed an independent examiner, Ann Skippers to examine the Rode Neighbourhood Plan. Her report recommends the Plan proceed to referendum subject to a number of modifications. The Examiner's Report for the Rode Neighbourhood Plan is available [here](#) or can be viewed at the locations above.

Summary of Regulation 16 representations (originals can be viewed on request):

- Summary of reg 16 reps can be viewed [here](#)
- MDC submitted a further response to the examiner to provide clarification of issues relating to the Local Plan which can be viewed [here](#)

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Statement for the Rode Neighbourhood Plan

- Screening opinion can be viewed [here](#)

Evidence Base Documents

- Village character appraisal can be viewed [here](#)
- Basic conditions statement can be viewed [here](#)
- Consultation statement can be viewed [here](#)

Neighbourhood Area Designated

On 8th April 2013 Mendip District Council's Cabinet approved the designation of the Rode Neighbourhood Area and the Frome Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning (general) Regulations 2012.

This was following public consultation which took place on the two applications for neighbourhood areas between 3rd September 2012 and 10th October 2012.

Copies of the Area Designation Statement, Cabinet minutes, the officer report and a map of the Rode area that was designated are available to download below:

Area designation statement can be viewed [here](#)

 [Cabinet Minutes 8th April 2013 \[192kb\]](#)

 [Officer Report \[100kb\] \[100kb\]](#)

 [Rode Neighbourhood Area \[648kb\]](#)

The Council is required to meet the conditions of [Section 61G\(2\) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011..](#)

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