



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

www.westoxon.gov.uk

Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan Referendum: Information Statement

This information statement is published by West Oxfordshire District Council, as required by Regulation 4(1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012.

A Referendum in relation to the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 12th November 2026** between the hours of **7 am** and **10 pm**.

The question to be asked at the Referendum is:

“Do you want West Oxfordshire District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Stonesfield to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

A map of the referendum area is included on page 2 of this document.

The persons entitled to vote in the referendum are those persons registered to vote in local council elections in Stonesfield and are aged 18 years of age or over on the day of the poll, i.e. on Thursday 12th November 2026.

The referendum expenses limit which will apply in relation to the referendum is £2440.71. This has been calculated by adding 5.9p for each of the 1334 local government electors for the referendum area, at the date of publication of the notice of referendum, to the base amount of £2,362.00.

The referendum will be conducted in accordance with procedures similar to those used at local government (council) elections.

Copies of the following documents may be viewed at [Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan - West Oxfordshire District Council](#)

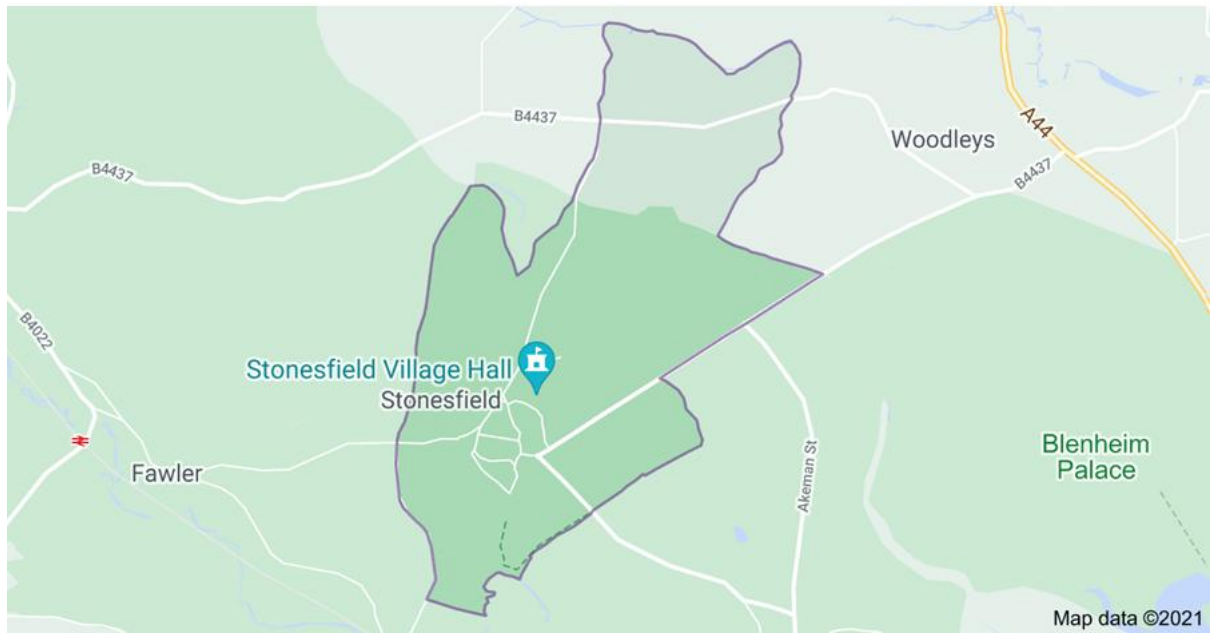
- The draft neighbourhood plan
- The report made by the independent examiner
- The representations submitted to the independent examiner
- A statement that West Oxfordshire District Council, as local planning authority, are satisfied that the draft plan meets those basic conditions and complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (also included at page 3 of this document)
- A statement setting out general information as to town and country planning (including neighbourhood planning) and the referendum (also included at page 4 of this document)

The referendum on Thursday 12th November will be held between the hours of 7am and 10pm at Stonesfield Village Hall, Field Close, Stonesfield OX29 8HA.

Phil Martin
Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

Date: 17th September 2026

Stonesfield Neighbourhood Area – Designated 17th November 2021



Statement by West Oxfordshire District Council pursuant to the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012

In accordance with regulation 4(3)(b)(iv)(bb) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, this statement is to confirm that West Oxfordshire District Council is satisfied the draft Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions mentioned in paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PM', is written over a horizontal line.

Phil Martin Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

Date

17th September 2026

Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan

Statement by West Oxfordshire District Council pursuant to the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012

This statement is produced and published as required by regulation 4(3)(b)(v) of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012.

Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work.

A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan. This plan can show how the community wants land to be used and developed in its area.

A neighbourhood area can cover single streets or large urban or rural areas. The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by:

- Town or parish councils
- A neighbourhood forum (a group of at least 21 people in areas without town or parish councils)

In Stonesfield, the boundary of the neighbourhood area was determined by West Oxfordshire District Council and is identical to the area of the parish of Stonesfield.

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by town or parish councils, or neighbourhood forums. Normally, planning is the responsibility of the local planning authority.

In this case, the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Stonesfield Parish Council as the relevant 'qualifying body'.

In England, planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the development plan.

A development plan is a set of documents that set out the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area.

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in the referendum taking place on Thursday 12th November 2026, then West Oxfordshire District Council will use the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in Stonesfield.

The Neighbourhood Plan will then become part of the Development Plan. In West Oxfordshire District Council's area the current development plan consists of the West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2031 (adopted September 2018).

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes', then planning applications will be decided without using the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for the local area.