



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Charlbury 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 Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan will be held on **Thursday 10th June 2021** 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 Charlbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

A map of the referendum area is included on [page 3](#) of this document.

The persons entitled to vote in the referendum are those persons registered to vote in local council elections in Charlbury, and are aged 18 years of age or over on the day of the poll, i.e. on Thursday 10th June 2021.

The referendum expenses limit which will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,503.72. This has been calculated by adding 5.9p for each of the 2402 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 inspected at the addresses and at the times specified overleaf. The documents may also be viewed at <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/charlbury>

- 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 4](#) 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 5](#) of this document)

The documents listed on the previous page may be inspected (Subject to government Covid-19 regulations) at:

Charlbury Community
Centre, Spendlove
Centre, Enstone Road,
Charlbury OX7 3PQ

Tel: 01608 811878

Opening Hours:

9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

9am to 4pm Saturday and

Sunday

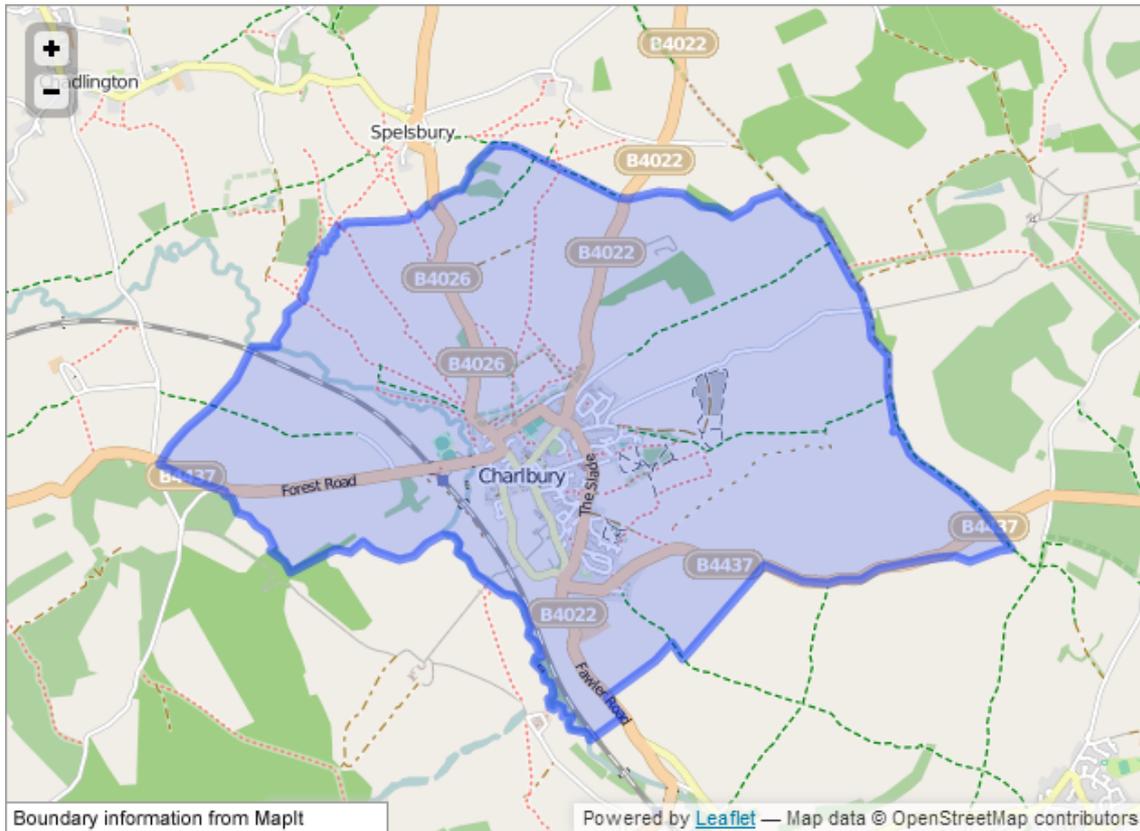
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Giles Hughes".

Giles Hughes
Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

29th April 2021

Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan

Approved Designated Area Map



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 Charlbury 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.



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive
West Oxfordshire District Council

29th April 2021

Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan

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

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 Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Charlbury Town 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 10th June 2021, then West Oxfordshire District Council will use the Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in Charlbury.

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.