



## GROWING TOGETHER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

### INFORMATION STATEMENT

A referendum relating to the adoption of the Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

The question which will be asked in the referendum is:

***Do you want Northampton Borough Council to use the neighbourhood plan for the Growing Together Neighbourhood Area (namely: Blackthorn, Cherry Lodge, Goldings, Lings, Lumbertubs and Overstone Lodge) to help it 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 Growing Together Neighbourhood Area.

A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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 registered.

The referendum expenses limit that will apply in relation to the referendum is £2,811.87. The number of persons entitled to vote in the referendum by reference to which that limit has been calculated is 7,625.

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 (as listed below) may be inspected on Northampton Borough Council's website at:

<http://northampton.gov.uk/gtnp>

Hard copies may also be inspected at the locations listed below.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Opening Times</b>
<b>Blackthorn Children's Centre</b> Longmead Court, Blackthorn, Northampton, NN3 8QD	Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 5 pm Friday: 9 am - 4.30 pm
<b>Blackthorn Good Neighbours Nursery</b> Blackthorn Bridge Court, Blackthorn, Northampton, NN3 8QH	Monday - Friday: 8.15 am - 3.30 pm
<b>Brookside Community Hub</b> Billing Brook Road, Northampton, NN3 8NP	Monday: 9 am – 3 pm Wednesday 9 am – 12 noon
<b>Northampton One Stop Shop</b> The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE	Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm
<b>Northampton Central Library</b> Abington Street, Northampton, NN1 2BA	Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm Saturday: 9am – 5pm Sunday: 11am – 2pm
<b>Weston Favell Library</b> 56 Weston Favell Centre, Northampton, NN3 8JZ	Monday - Friday: 9.00 am - 7.00 pm Saturday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Sunday: 11.00 am - 2.00 pm

The specified documents are:

- The Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan (Referendum version)
- The Growing Together Neighbourhood Development Plan – Report of Examination (report of the independent Examiner)
- Summary of Representations submitted to the independent Examiner
- Basic Conditions and Compliance Statement
- A statement that sets out general information about town and country planning including neighbourhood planning and the referendum

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# MAP OF THE GROWING TOGETHER NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA

